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1. Introduction

The Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) is a household-based sample survey conducted by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). It collects data on the labour market activities of individuals aged 15 years and older who live in South Africa. However, this report only covers labour market activities of persons aged 15–64 years.

This report presents the key findings of the QLFS conducted from January to March 2019 (Q1: 2019).

2. Highlights of the results

Table A: Key labour market indicators

Population 15–64 yrs	Jan-Mar 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand						Per cent
	37 678	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 358	22 668	22 492	-176	134	-0,8	0,6
Employed	16 378	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 355	11 346	11 220	-126	-135	-1,1	-1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 901	3 001	2 933	-68	32	-2,3	1,1
Agriculture	847	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Private households	1 275	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0
Unemployed	5 980	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Not economically active	15 320	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Discouraged work-seekers	2 787	2 841	2 997	156	210	5,5	7,5
Other (not economically active)	12 533	12 625	12 793	169	260	1,3	2,1
Rates (%)							
Unemployment rate	26,7	27,1	27,6	0,5	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	59,3	59,4	58,8	-0,6	-0,5		

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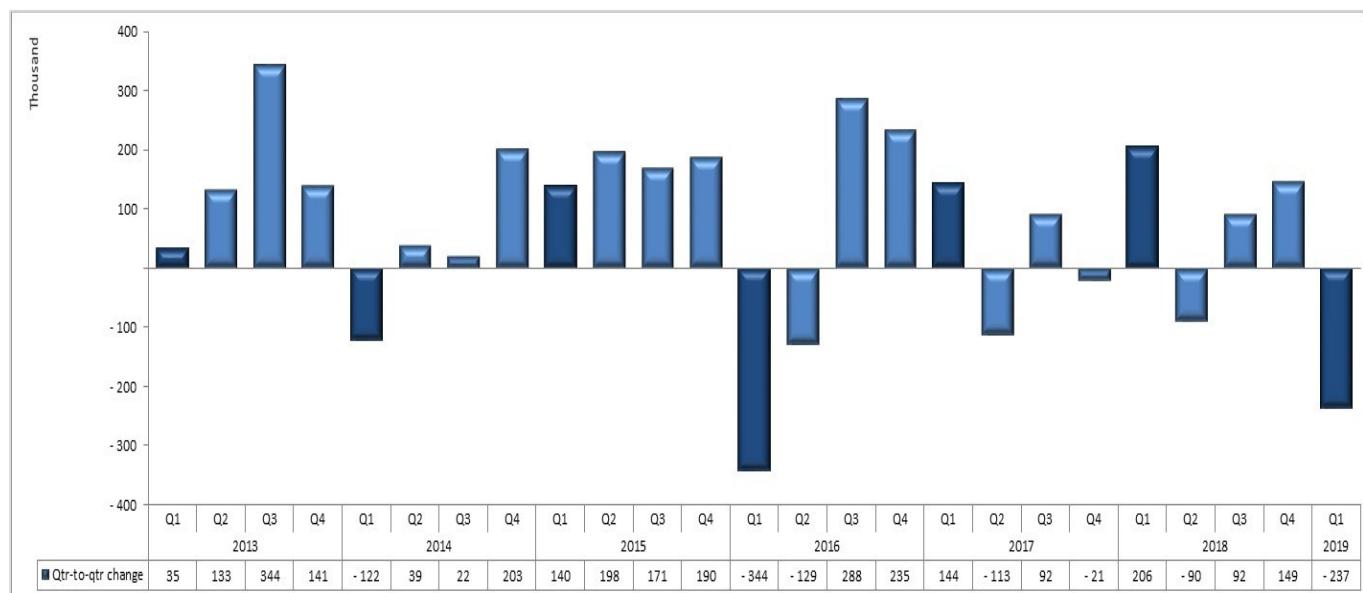
The working-age population increased by 149 000 or 0,4% in the first quarter of 2019 compared to the fourth quarter of the previous year. Compared to Q1: 2018, the working-age population increased by 605 000 or 1,6%. The number of employed persons decreased by 237 000 to 16,3 million in Q1: 2019, while the number of unemployed persons increased by 62 000 to 6,2 million compared to Q4: 2018, resulting in a decrease of 176 000 (down by 0,8%) in the number of people in the labour force. The absorption rate decreased by 0,7 of a percentage point to 42,6% and the unemployment rate increased by 0,5 of a percentage point to 27,6% compared to the fourth quarter of 2018.

Employment decreased in all four of the sectors in Q1: 2019; with the Formal sector recording the largest employment losses of 126 000, followed by the Informal sector (68 000), Private households (31 000) and Agriculture (12 000). The number of discouraged work-seekers and the number of people who were not economically active for reasons other than discouragement increased by 156 000 and 169 000, respectively, between the fourth quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2019, resulting in a net increase of 325 000 in the not economically active population.

Compared to a year ago, employment decreased by 0,5% (86 000), while unemployment increased by 3,7% (220 000). The number of persons who were not economically active increased by 3,1% (470 000).

3. Employment

Figure 1: Quarter-to-quarter changes in employment, Q1: 2013 to Q1: 2019



Based on Figure 1 above, employment decreased for the first time in quarter one since 2016, after experiencing growth in the past consecutive first quarters of 2017 and 2018. The largest first quarter decrease in the number of employed persons was observed in Q1: 2016 (down by 344 000). Compared to the fourth quarter of 2018, the number of employed persons decreased by 237 000 persons in Q1: 2019.

Table B: Employment by industry

Industry	Jan-Mar 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
	16 378	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Total*							
Agriculture	847	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Mining	397	438	417	-20	20	-4,6	5,2
Manufacturing	1 849	1 766	1 780	14	-69	0,8	-3,7
Utilities	143	134	150	16	7	12,1	4,7
Construction	1 431	1 481	1 339	-142	-92	-9,6	-6,4
Trade	3 276	3 320	3 345	25	69	0,8	2,1
Transport	960	965	1 025	59	64	6,1	6,7
Finance	2 402	2 611	2 516	-94	114	-3,6	4,7
Community and social services	3 785	3 624	3 574	-50	-211	-1,4	-5,6
Private households	1 275	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0

*Note: Total includes 'Other' industries.

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: Utilities refers to Electricity, gas and water supply.

Trade refers to Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motor cycles and personal and household goods; hotels and restaurants.

Finance refers to Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services.

Table B shows that between Q4: 2018 and Q1: 2019, the number of employed persons decreased in six of the ten industries; with the largest decreases recorded in Construction (142 000), Finance and other business services (94 000), Community and social services (50 000) and Private households (31 000). However, employment gains were recorded in Transport (59 000), Trade (25 000), Utilities (16 000) and Manufacturing (14 000).

Compared to the same period last year, employment losses of 86 000 persons were largely driven by Community and social services (211 000), Construction (92 000), Manufacturing (69 000) and Agriculture (9 000) in Q1: 2019. Meanwhile, Finance and other business services had the largest gain of 114 000 during the same period.

Figure 2a: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the formal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q1: 2019

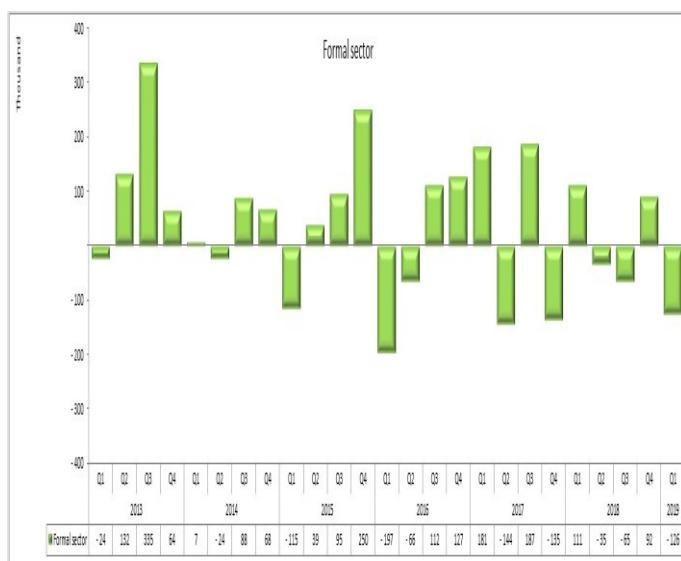
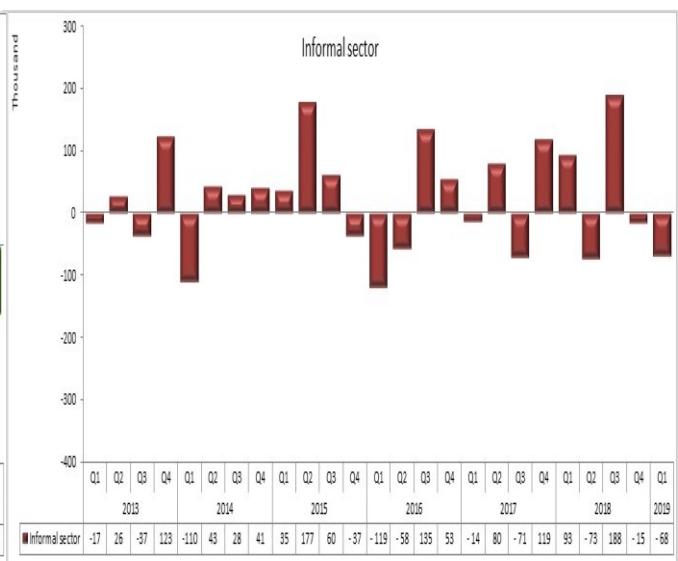
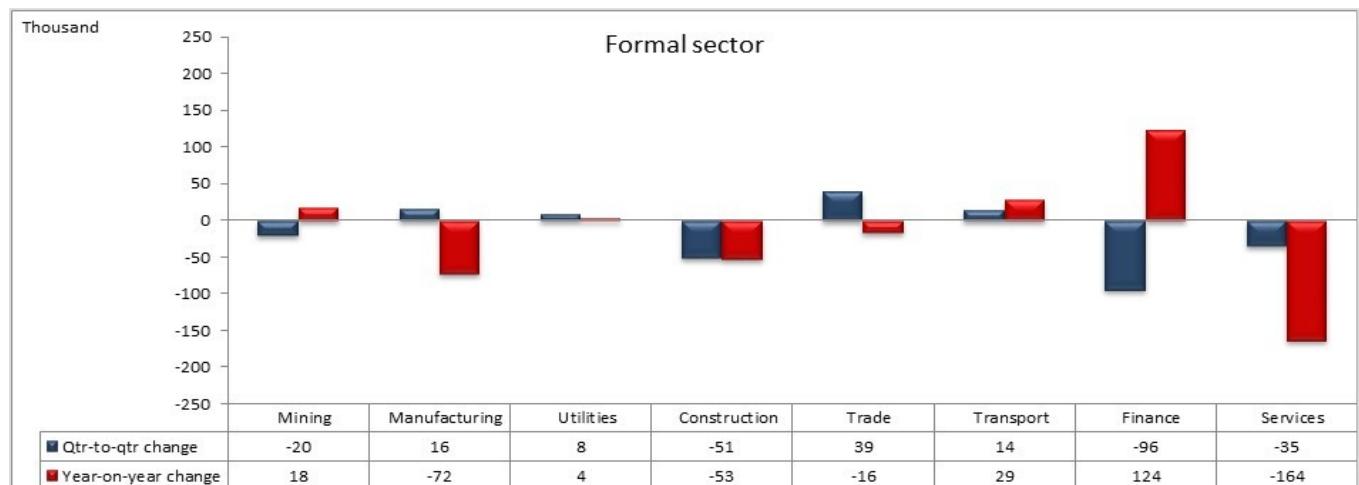


Figure 2b: Quarter-to-quarter employment changes in the informal sector, Q1: 2013 to Q1: 2019



Following an increase in formal sector employment in Q4: 2018 (92 000), employment declined by 126 000 in Q1: 2019 in this sector. The informal sector also recorded a decline of 68 000 jobs in Q1: 2019 compared to Q4: 2018.

Figure 3: Quarter-to-quarter and year-on-year changes in the formal sector by industry



Note: Utilities refers to Electricity, gas and water supply.

Trade refers to Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motor cycles and personal and household goods; hotels and restaurants.

Finance refers to Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services.

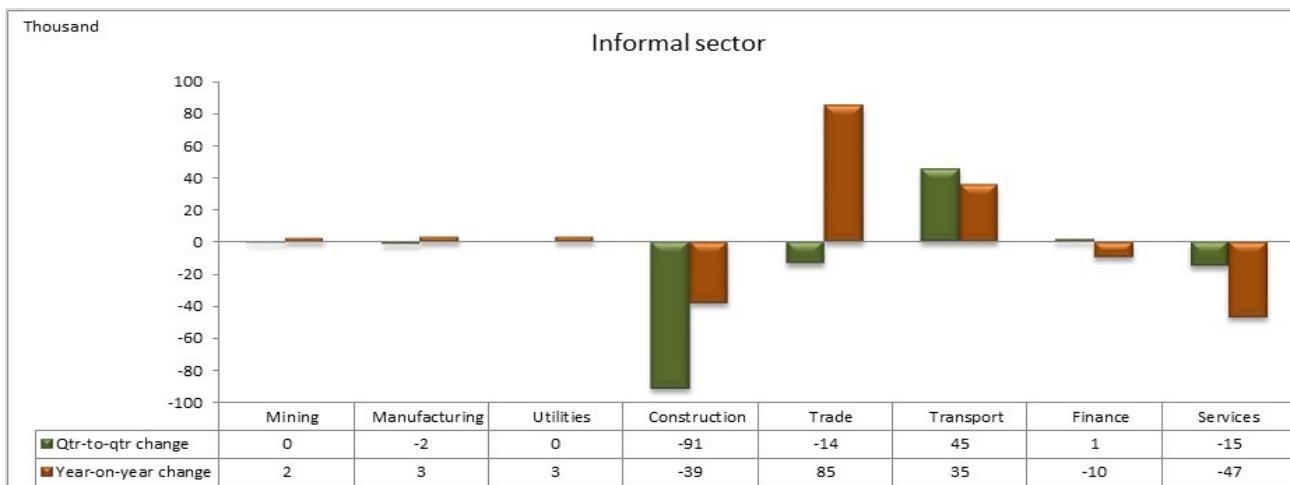
Services refers to Community, personal and social services.

The formal sector quarterly employment loss of 126 000 jobs was mainly driven by Finance and other business services (96 000), Construction (51 000), Community and social services (35 000) and Mining (20 000) in Q1: 2019. Trade

recorded the largest employment gains of 39 000, followed by Manufacturing (16 000) and Transport (14 000) in the same period.

When comparing the current employment in the formal sector with the same period last year, the loss of 135 000 jobs was mainly driven by Community and social services (164 000), Manufacturing (72 000), Construction (53 000) and Trade (16 000). Formal sector employment in other industries increased with Finance and other business services recording the largest gains of 124 000, while Transport and Mining gained 29 000 and 18 000 jobs, respectively.

Figure 4: Quarter-to-quarter and year-on-year changes in the informal sector by industry



In the first quarter of 2019, the informal sector decreased by 68 000 persons compared to the fourth quarter of 2018. The decline in informal sector employment was mainly driven by the Construction (91 000), Community and social services (15 000) and Trade (14 000) industries. Employment gains were only recorded in Transport (45 000) while Finance and other business services remained virtually unchanged (1 000).

Compared to Q1: 2018, employment in the informal sector increased in five industries. Annual employment gains were recorded in the Trade (85 000), Transport (35 000), Manufacturing and Utilities (with 3 000 each) and Mining (2 000) industries. On the other hand, the largest employment losses were recorded in the Community and social services (47 000), Construction (39 000) and Finance and other business services (10 000) industries.

Table C: Employment by occupation

Occupation	Jan-Mar 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
Total	16 378	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Manager	1 422	1 444	1 463	19	41	1,3	2,9
Professional	873	878	884	5	11	0,6	1,3
Technician	1 415	1 474	1 448	-26	33	-1,8	2,4
Clerk	1 746	1 704	1 679	-25	-67	-1,5	-3,8
Sales and services	2 692	2 687	2 667	-20	-24	-0,7	-0,9
Skilled agriculture	62	66	47	-19	-15	-28,4	-24,7
Craft and related trade	1 994	2 073	1 972	-101	-22	-4,9	-1,1
Plant and machine operator	1 359	1 394	1 380	-14	21	-1,0	1,6
Elementary	3 823	3 780	3 737	-44	-87	-1,2	-2,3
Domestic worker	991	1 029	1 013	-15	22	-1,5	2,2

*Note: Total includes 'Other' occupations.

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

All occupations categories experienced employment decreases in Q1: 2019, with the exception of Manager (up by 19 000) and Professional (up by 5 000) occupations compared to the previous quarter. Craft and related trade (101 000) occupations recorded the largest employment losses, followed by Elementary (44 000), Technician (26 000) and Clerk (25 000) occupations, while Plant and machine operator occupations recorded the lowest decrease of 14 000 jobs.

Year-on-year changes show that losses in employment were mainly driven by Elementary (87 000), Clerk (67 000), Sales and services (24 000), Craft and related trade (22 000) and Skilled agriculture (15 000) occupations. Manager (41 000), Technician (33 000), Domestic worker (22 000), Plant and machine operator (21 000) and Professional (11 000) occupations recorded gains in employment in Q1: 2019 compared to Q1: 2018.

Table D: Employment by province

Province	Jan-Mar 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand					Per cent	
South Africa	16 378	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Western Cape	2 530	2 520	2 520	-1	-10	0,0	-0,4
Eastern Cape	1 397	1 375	1 308	-67	-90	-4,9	-6,4
Northern Cape	321	322	321	-1	0	-0,2	0,0
Free State	814	806	803	-3	-11	-0,4	-1,4
KwaZulu-Natal	2 617	2 648	2 598	-50	-19	-1,9	-0,7
North West	992	973	970	-3	-22	-0,3	-2,2
Gauteng	5 069	5 163	5 162	-2	93	0,0	1,8
Mpumalanga	1 197	1 245	1 209	-36	12	-2,9	1,0
Limpopo	1 441	1 477	1 401	-75	-39	-5,1	-2,7

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Table D shows that the number of employed persons decreased in all nine provinces between Q4: 2018 and Q1: 2019. The largest employment decreases were recorded in Limpopo (down by 75 000), Eastern Cape (down by 67 000), KwaZulu-Natal (down by 50 000) and Mpumalanga (down by 36 000).

Compared to Q1: 2018, the largest decline in employment was recorded in Eastern Cape (down by 90 000) and Limpopo (down by 39 000). The largest increase in the number of the employed persons was recorded in Gauteng (up by 93 000) and Mpumalanga (up by 12 000), while Northern Cape remained unchanged.

3.1 Conditions of employment for employees

Figure 5: Quarter-to-quarter changes in nature of employment contract

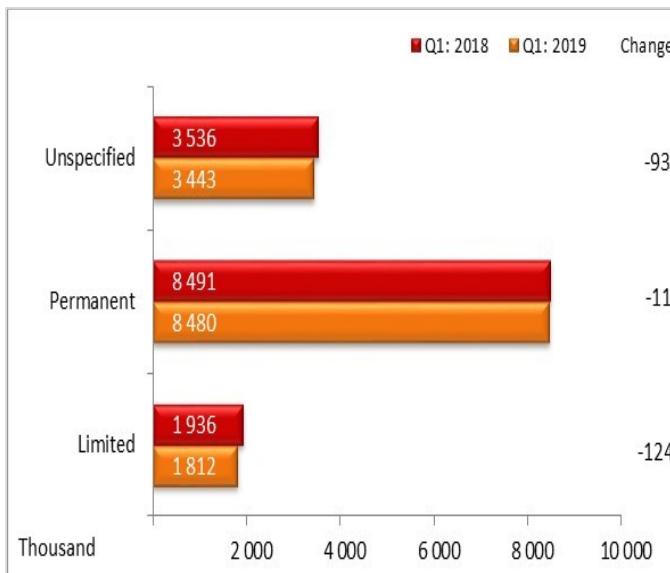
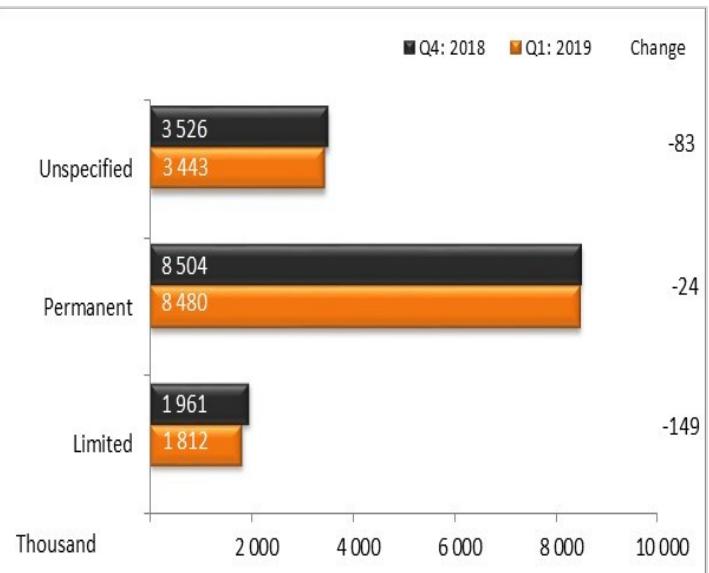


Figure 6: Year-on-year changes in nature of employment contract

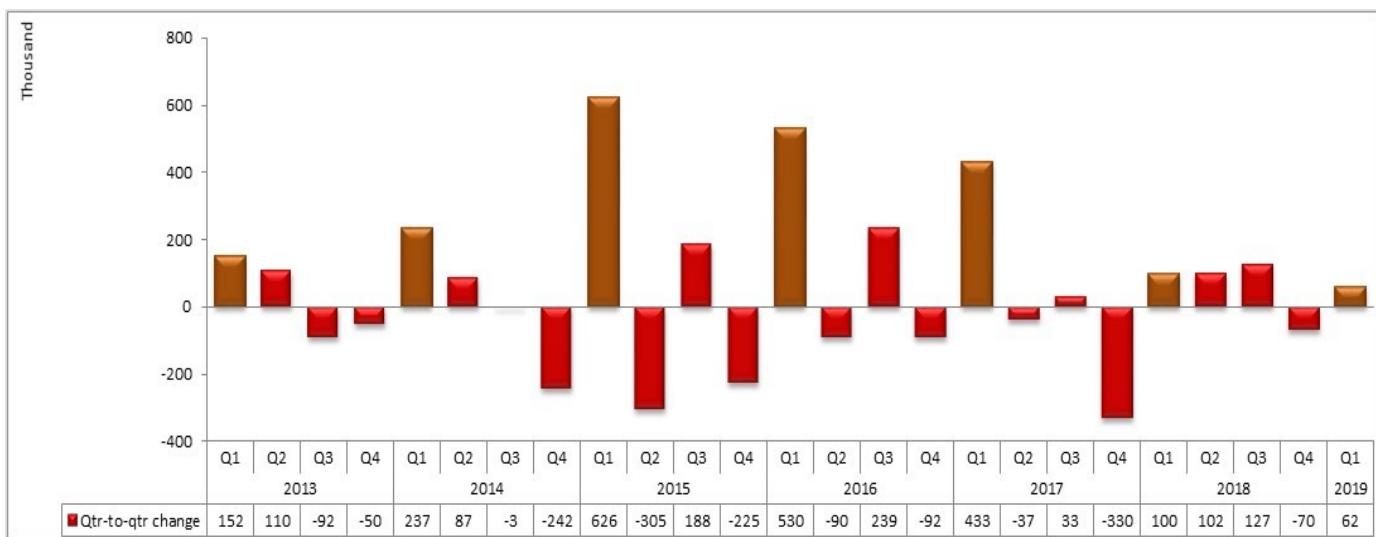


Figures 5 and 6 show that the majority of employees had permanent employment contracts. Between the fourth quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2019, the number of employees with contracts of a limited duration, unspecified duration and those with contracts of a permanent nature decreased by 149 000, 83 000 and 24 000, respectively.

The year-on-year comparisons indicate that the number of employees decreased irrespective of the nature of their employment contract. The largest decrease was recorded among those with a contract of limited duration (down by 124 000), while the number of employees with contracts of an unspecified duration and those with contracts of a permanent nature declined by 93 000 and 11 000, respectively.

4. Unemployment and Not in employment, education or training (NEET)

Figure 7: Quarter-to-quarter changes in unemployment, Q1: 2013 to Q1: 2019



After a decrease of 70 000 in the number of unemployed persons in Q4: 2018, the number of unemployed persons increased by 62 000 in Q1: 2019. Notable from the above figure is that the number of unemployed persons has increased in every first quarter of each year since 2013. The largest increase was recorded in Q1: 2015 (up by 626 000), followed by Q1: 2016 (up by 530 000) and Q1: 2017 (up by 433 000).

Figure 8: Proportion of the unemployed by education level, Q1: 2019

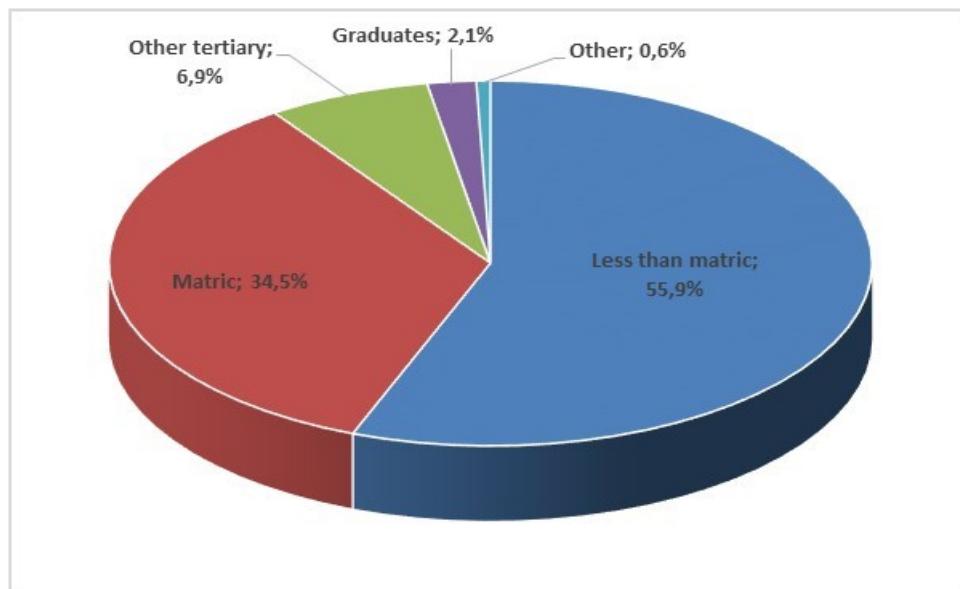


Figure 8 shows that of the 6,2 million unemployed persons in Q1: 2019, almost 56% had an education level below matric, followed by those with matric at 34,5%. Only 2,1% of the unemployed persons were graduates while 6,9% had other tertiary qualifications as their highest level of education.

Table E: Unemployment rate by province

	Official unemployment rate					Expanded unemployment rate				
	Jan-Mar 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Jan-Mar 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Per cent			Percentage points		Per cent			Percentage points	
South Africa	26,7	27,1	27,6	0,5	0,9	36,7	37,0	38,0	1,0	1,3
Western Cape	19,7	19,3	19,5	0,2	-0,2	22,5	23,1	22,7	-0,4	0,2
Eastern Cape	35,6	36,1	37,4	1,3	1,8	46,0	46,8	48,3	1,5	2,3
Northern Cape	29,5	25,0	26,0	1,0	-3,5	41,0	38,6	41,5	2,9	0,5
Free State	32,8	32,9	34,9	2,0	2,1	38,4	39,3	40,1	0,8	1,7
KwaZulu-Natal	22,3	25,6	25,1	-0,5	2,8	40,6	41,3	42,4	1,1	1,8
North West	25,8	26,6	26,4	-0,2	0,6	41,8	42,9	44,4	1,5	2,6
Gauteng	28,6	29,0	28,9	-0,1	0,3	33,6	33,6	33,6	0,0	0,0
Mpumalanga	32,4	32,0	34,2	2,2	1,8	42,5	41,1	43,0	1,9	0,5
Limpopo	19,9	16,5	18,5	2,0	-1,4	37,6	38,8	43,1	4,3	5,5

The official unemployment rate increased by 0,5 of a percentage point in Q1: 2019 compared to Q4: 2018. The official unemployment rate increased in six of the nine provinces, with the largest increase in Mpumalanga (up by 2,2 percentage points), Limpopo and Free State (up by 2,0 percentage points each), and Eastern Cape (up by 1,3 percentage points).

KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Gauteng were the only provinces that recorded decreases in the unemployment rate (0,5 of a percentage point, 0,2 of a percentage point and 0,1 of a percentage point, respectively). Year-on-year, the official unemployment rate increased by 0,9 of a percentage point. The official unemployment rate increased in six of the nine provinces; the largest increase was observed in KwaZulu-Natal (up by 2,8 percentage points), followed by Free State (up by 2,1 percentage points), Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape (up by 1,8 percentage points each).

The expanded unemployment rate increased by 1,0 percentage point from 37,0% in Q4: 2018 to 38,0% in Q1: 2019. The largest increase was recorded in Limpopo (up by 4,3 percentage points), followed by Northern Cape and Mpumalanga (up by 2,9 percentage points and 1,9 percentage points, respectively). The expanded unemployment rate for Gauteng remained unchanged, while Western Cape was the only province that experienced a decrease in the expanded unemployment rate (down by 0,4 of a percentage point). Compared to the same period last year, the expanded unemployment rate increased by 1,3 percentage points in Q1: 2019. All provinces recorded an increase in the expanded unemployment rate except for Gauteng where it remained unchanged. The largest increase was recorded in Limpopo (up by 5,5 percentage points), followed by North West and Eastern Cape (up by 2,6 percentage points and 2,3 percentage points, respectively).

Figure 9a: NEET rates for youth aged 15–24 years by sex

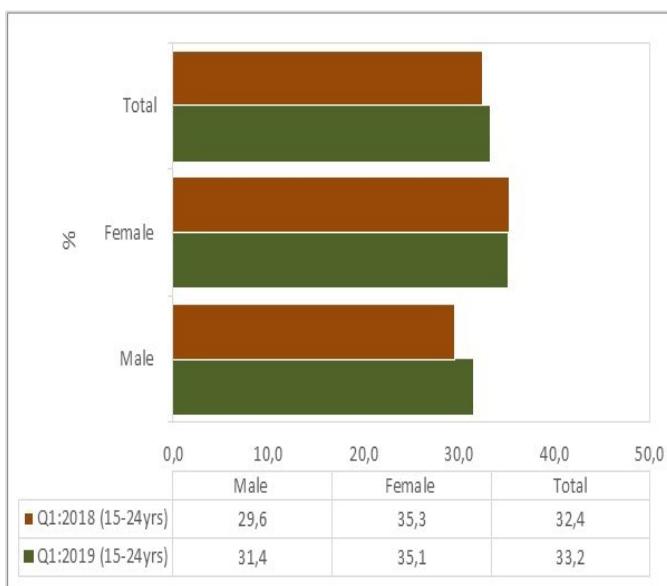
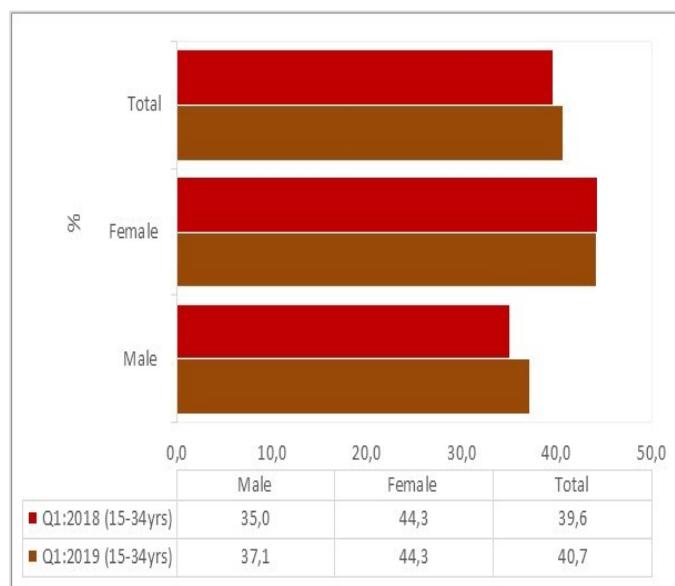


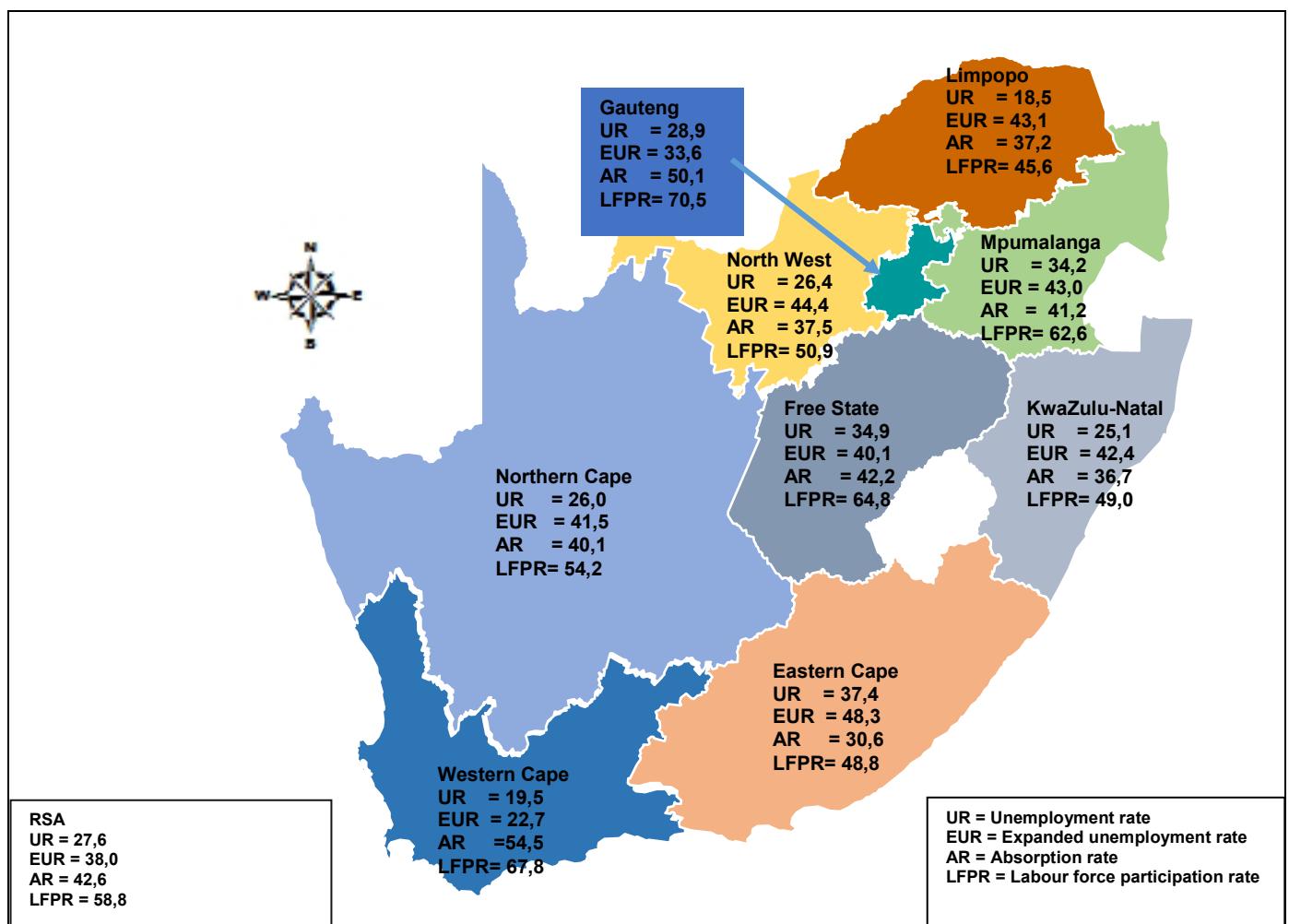
Figure 9b: NEET rates for youth aged 15–34 years by sex



The percentage of young persons aged 15–24 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased from 32,4% in Q1: 2018 to 33,2% in Q1: 2019. In this age group, the NEET rate for males increased by 1,9 percentage points, while the rate for females decreased by 0,2 of a percentage point. The NEET rate for females was higher than that of their male counterparts in both years (Figure 9a).

Compared to Q1: 2018, the percentage of young persons aged 15–34 years who were not in employment, education or training (NEET) increased by 1,0 percentage point from 39,6% to 40,7% in Q1: 2019. The NEET rate for males increased by 2,1 percentage points while for females, the rate remained unchanged in Q1: 2019. In both Q1: 2018 and Q1: 2019, more than four in every ten young females were not in employment, education, or training (Figure 9b).

5. Summary of labour market measures at a glance (%), Q1: 2019



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6. Other labour market trends

6.1 Year-on-year changes

Figure 10: Year-on-year changes in total employment, Q1: 2011 to Q1: 2019

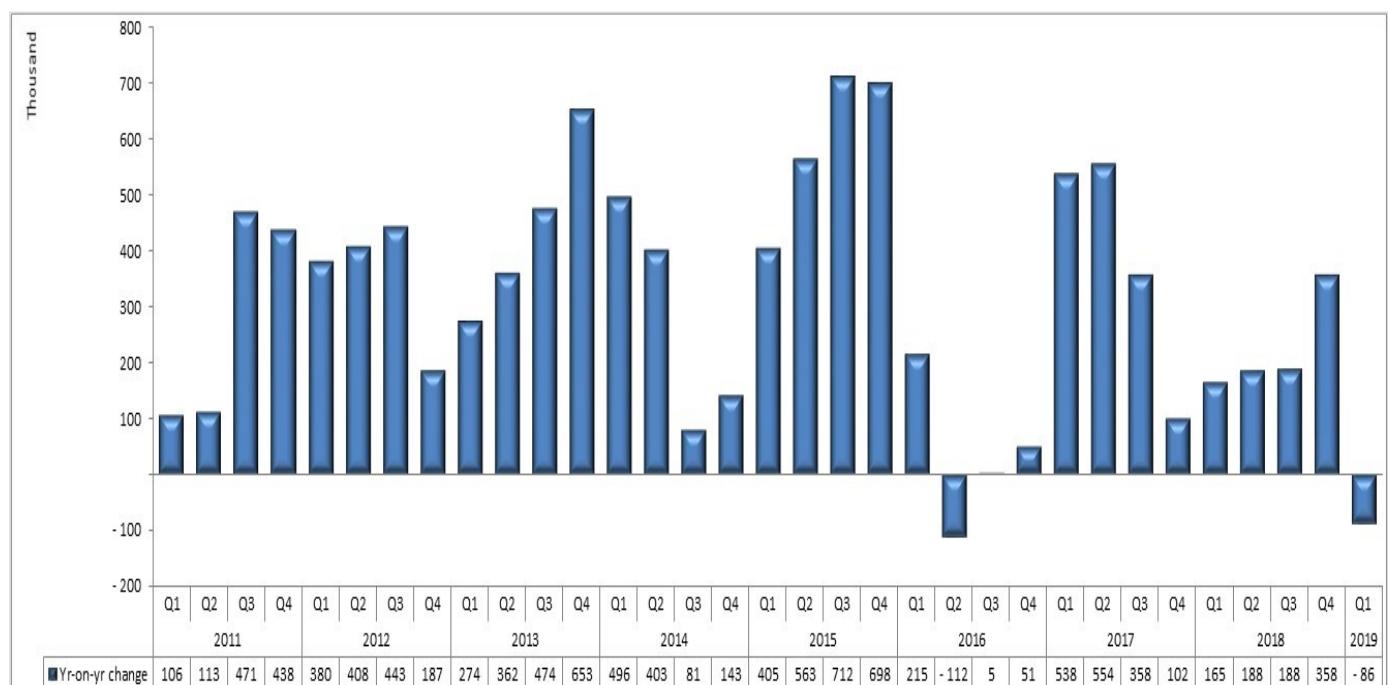


Figure 11: Year-on-year changes in formal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q1: 2019

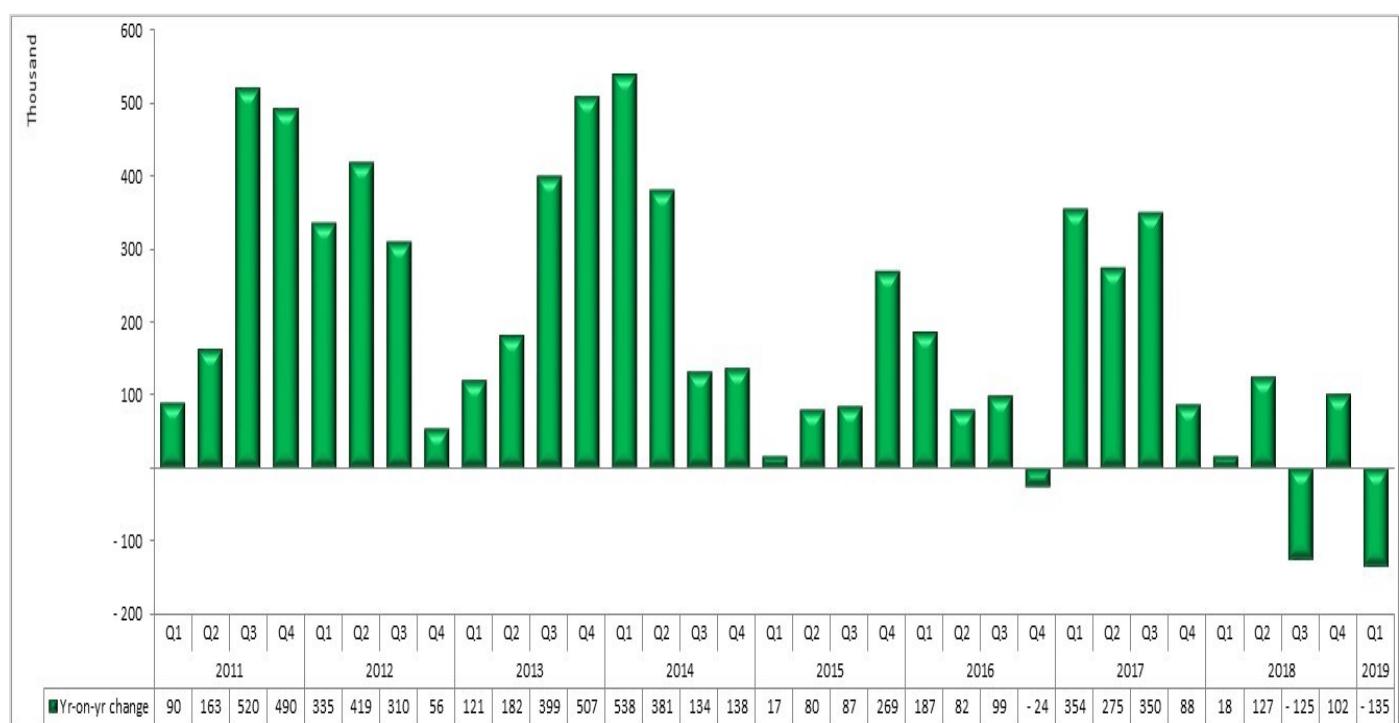
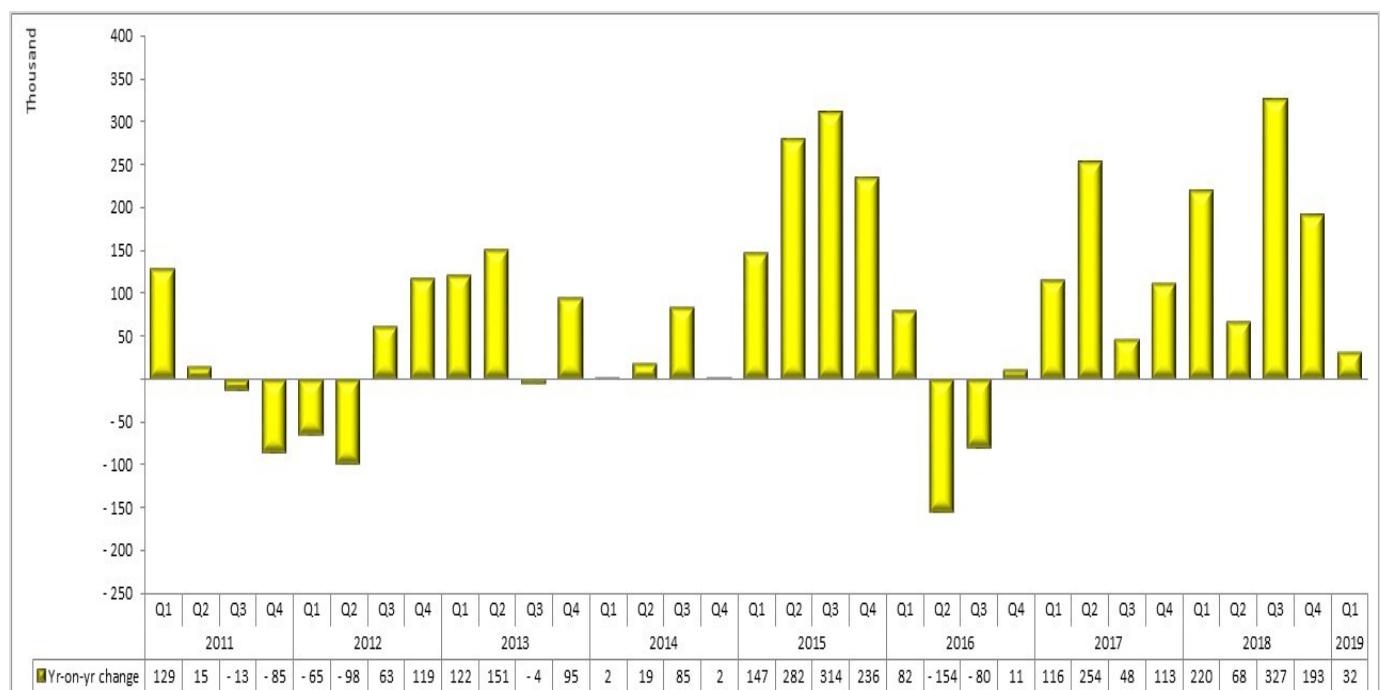


Figure 12: Year-on-year changes in the informal-sector employment, Q1: 2011 to Q1: 2019

6.2 Trends in unemployment rate

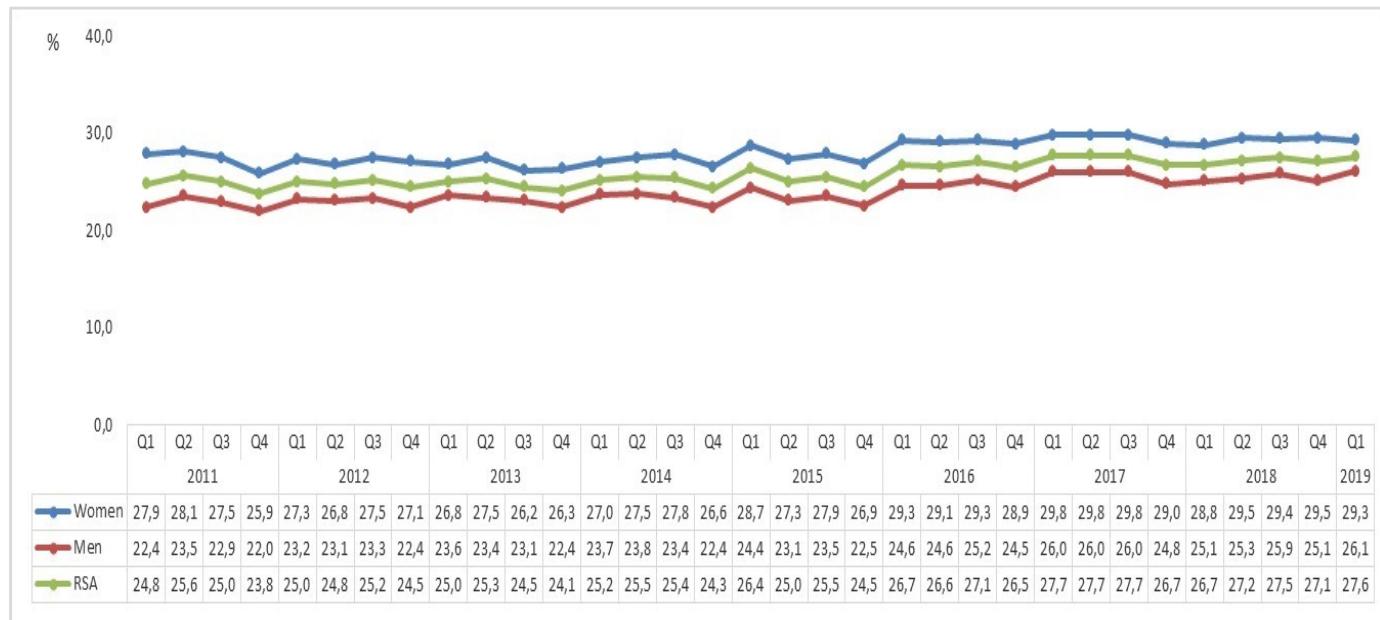
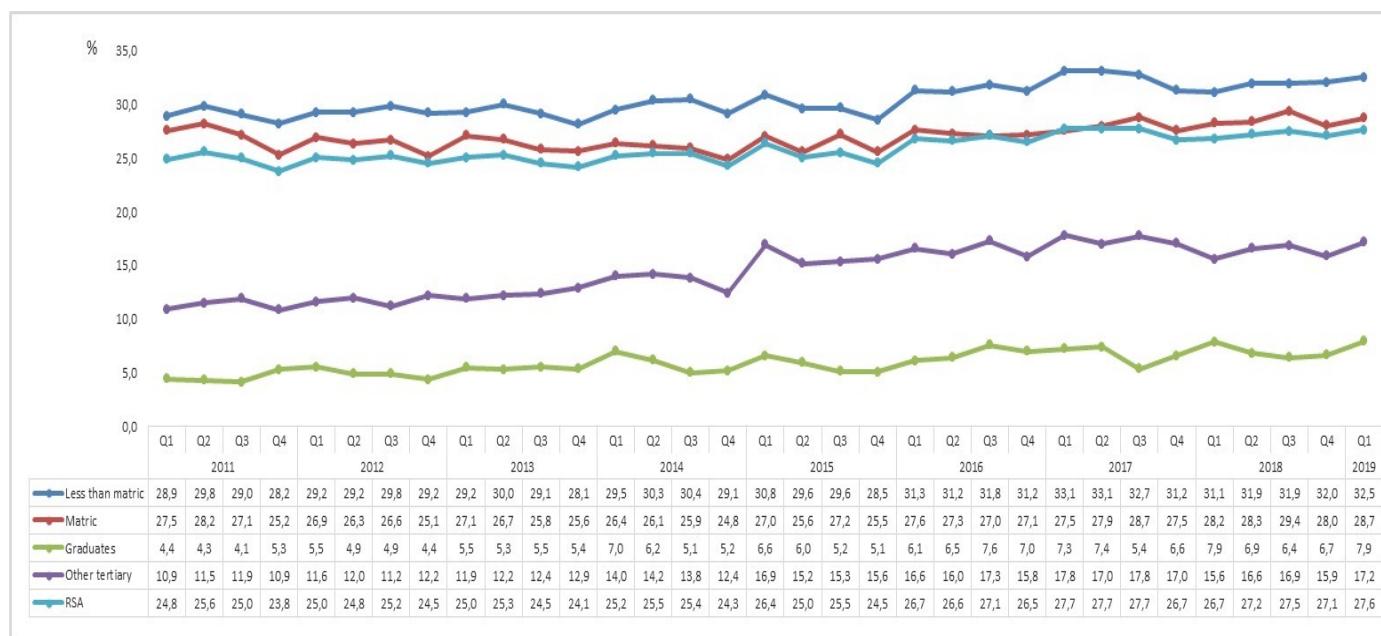
Figure 13: Unemployment rate by sex, Q1: 2011 to Q1: 2019

Figure 14: Unemployment rate by education status, Q1: 2011 to Q1: 2019

7. Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) and the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES)

There are two official sources of employment statistics: the QES (which is establishment based) and the QLFS (which is household based). Each survey has its strengths and limitations. For example, the QES cannot provide information on the following:

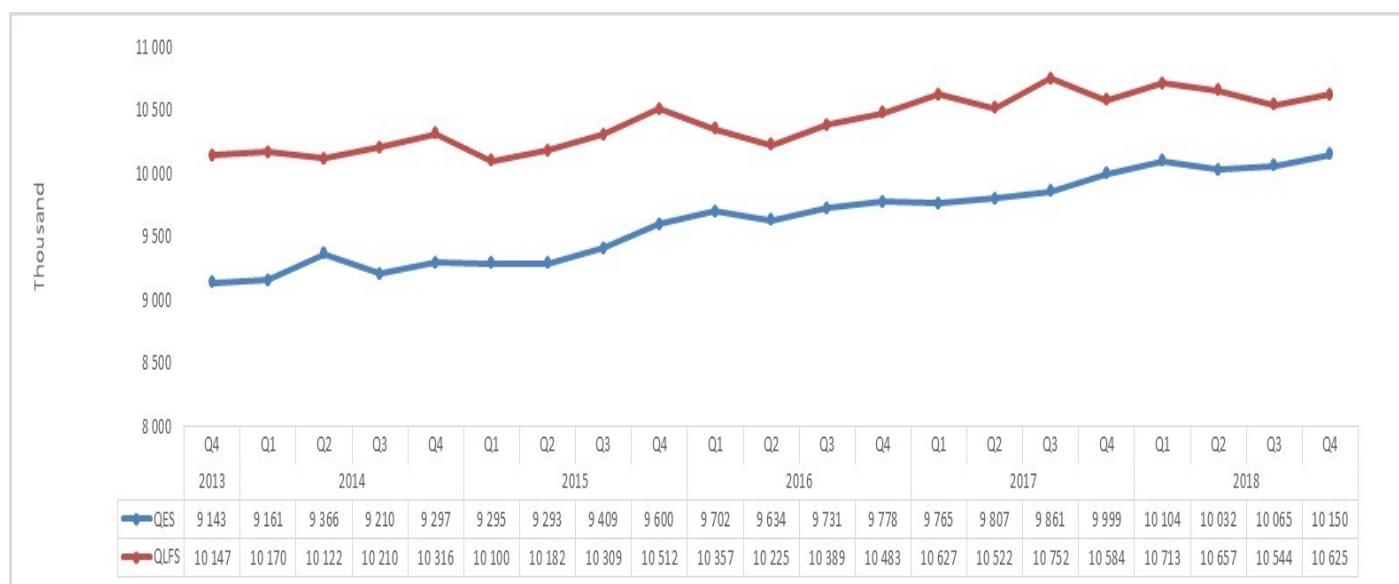
- Description of the employed, e.g. their demographic profile, education level, hours of work, etc.; and
- Unemployment and descriptors of the unemployed.

The QLFS is a survey of households that collects information from approximately 30 000 dwelling units and collects data on the labour market activities of individuals, whereas the QES is an enterprise-based survey that collects information from non-agricultural businesses and organisations from approximately 20 000 units. The numerous conceptual and methodological differences between the household- and enterprise-based surveys result in important distinctions in the employment estimates derived from the surveys. Among these are:

- The household-based survey includes agricultural workers, self-employed workers whose businesses are unincorporated, unpaid family workers, and private household workers among the employed. These groups are excluded from the enterprise-based survey.
- The household-based survey is limited to workers 15 years of age and older. The enterprise-based survey is not limited by age.
- The household-based survey has no duplication of individuals, because individuals are counted only once, even if they hold more than one job. In the enterprise-based survey, employees working at more than one job and thus appearing on more than one payroll are counted separately for each appearance.
- QLFS includes income tax, VAT and number of employees in determining the formal sector, while QES uses only VAT with annual turnover greater than R300 000.
- QLFS allows for proxy responses (a household member responding on behalf of the other). This can introduce misclassification of items, e.g. formal/informal classification.

Table F: Key differences between the QLFS and the QES

	QLFS	QES
Coverage	Private households and workers' hostels Non-institutional population (15 years and older) Total employment (including Informal sector, Private households, Agriculture and small businesses)	Payroll of VAT-registered businesses Employees only Formal sector, excluding Agriculture
Sample size	Quarterly sample of approximately 30 000 dwellings in which households reside	Quarterly sample of 20 000 non-agricultural formal-sector businesses
Reference period	One week prior to the interview	Payroll on the last day of the quarter
Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)	All industries	Excluding Agriculture and Private households
Formal sector definition (excluding Agriculture and Private households)	Employers and own-account workers registered for VAT or income tax Employees paying income tax and those not paying tax but working in firms with five or more workers	Employees on a payroll of VAT-registered businesses

Figure 15: Formal sector employment trends in QLFS and QES, Q4: 2013 to Q4: 2018

8. Technical notes

8.1 Response details

Table G: Response rates by province and metropolitan area

Province/metropolitan area	Jan-Mar 2019
National	89,0
Western Cape	89,1
Non-metro	91,3
City of Cape Town	88,2
Eastern Cape	94,2
Non-metro	95,3
Buffalo City	95,0
Nelson Mandela Bay	89,1
Northern Cape	91,0
Free State	95,5
Non-metro	95,5
Mangaung	95,7
KwaZulu-Natal	93,0
Non-metro	93,4
eThekweni	92,3
North West	90,3
Gauteng	78,1
Non-metro	75,5
Ekurhuleni	77,8
City of Johannesburg	76,8
City of Tshwane	82,3
Mpumalanga	94,7
Limpopo	97,5

8.2 Survey requirements and design

The Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) uses the Master Sample frame that has been developed as a general-purpose household survey frame that can be used by all other Stats SA household-based surveys having design requirements that are reasonably compatible with the QLFS. The 2013 Master Sample is based on information collected during the 2011 Census conducted by Stats SA. In preparation for Census 2011, the country was divided into 103 576 enumeration areas (EAs). The census EAs, together with the auxiliary information for the EAs, were used as the frame units or building blocks for the formation of primary sampling units (PSUs) for the Master Sample, since they covered the entire country and had other information that is crucial for stratification and creation of PSUs. There are 3 324 primary sampling units (PSUs) in the Master Sample, with an expected sample of approximately 33 000 dwelling units (DUs). The number of PSUs in the current Master Sample (3 324) reflects an 8,0% increase in the size of the Master Sample compared to the previous 2008 Master Sample (which had 3 080 PSUs). The larger Master Sample of PSUs was selected to improve the precision (smaller coefficients of variation, known as CVs) of the QLFS estimates.

The Master Sample is designed to be representative at the provincial level and within provinces at metro/non-metro levels. Within the metros, the sample is further distributed by geographical type. The three geography types are Urban, Tribal and Farms. This implies, for example, that within a metropolitan area the sample is representative of the different geography types that may exist within that metro.

It is divided equally into four subgroups or panels called rotation groups. The rotation groups are designed in such a way that each of these groups has the same distribution pattern as that which is observed in the whole sample. They are numbered from one (1) to four (4), and these numbers also correspond to the quarters of the year in which the sample will be rotated for the particular group.

The sample for the QLFS is based on a stratified two-stage design with probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling of PSUs in the first stage, and sampling of dwelling units (DUs) with systematic sampling in the second stage.

8.3 Sample rotation

For each quarter of the QLFS, a quarter of the sampled dwellings are rotated out of the sample. These dwellings are replaced by new dwellings from the same PSU or the next PSU on the list. Thus, sampled dwellings are expected to remain in the sample for four consecutive quarters. It should be noted that the sampling unit is the dwelling, and the unit of observation is the household. Therefore, if a household moves out of a dwelling after being in the sample for two quarters (as an example) and a new household moves in, the new household will be enumerated for the next two quarters. If no household moves into the sampled dwelling, the dwelling will be classified as vacant (or unoccupied).

8.4 Weighting

The sample weights were constructed in order to account for the following: the original selection probabilities (design weights), adjustments for PSUs that were subsampled or segmented, excluded population from the sampling frame, non-response, weight trimming, and benchmarking to known population estimates from the Demographic Analysis Division within Stats SA.

8.5 Non-response adjustment

In general, imputation is used for item non-response (i.e. blanks within the questionnaire) and edit failures (i.e. invalid or inconsistent responses). The eligible households in the sampled dwellings can be divided into two response categories: respondents and non-respondents. Weight adjustment is applied to account for the non-respondent households (e.g. refusal, no contact, etc.). The adjustment for total non-response was computed at two levels of non-response: PSU non-response and household non-response.

8.6 Final survey weights

In the final step of constructing the sample weights, all individuals within a household are assigned the same adjusted base weight. The adjusted base weights are calibrated such that the aggregate totals will match with independently derived population estimates (from the Stats SA Demographic Analysis Division) for various age, race and gender groups at national level and individual metropolitan and non-metropolitan area levels within the provinces. The calibrated weights are constructed using the constraint that each person within the same household should have the same calibrated weight, with a lower bound on the calibrated weights set at 50.

8.7 Estimation

The final survey weights are used to obtain the estimates for various domains of interest, e.g. number of persons employed in Agriculture in Western Cape, the number of females employed in Manufacturing, etc.

8.8 Reliability of the survey estimates

Since estimates are based on sample data, they differ from figures that would have been obtained from complete enumeration of the population using the same instrument. Results are subject to both sampling and non-sampling errors. Non-sampling errors include biases from inaccurate reporting, processing, and tabulation, etc., as well as errors from non-responses and incomplete reporting. These types of errors cannot be measured readily. However, to some extent, non-sampling errors can be minimised through the procedures used for data collection, editing, quality control, and non-response adjustment. The variances of the survey estimates are used to measure sampling errors.

(i) Variance estimation

The most commonly used methods for estimating variances of survey estimates from complex surveys such as the QLFS are the Taylor-series Linearization, Jack-knife Replication, Balanced Repeated Replication (BRR), and Bootstrap methods (Wolter, 2007).¹ The Fay's BRR method has been used for variance estimation in the QLFS because of its simplicity.

(ii) Coefficient of variation

It is more useful in many situations to assess the size of the standard error relative to the magnitude of the characteristic being measured (the standard error is defined as the square root of the variance). The **coefficient of variation (cv)** provides such a measure. It is the **ratio of the standard error of the survey estimate to the value of the estimate itself expressed as a percentage**. It is very useful in comparing the precision of several different survey estimates, where their sizes or scales differ from one another.

(iii) P-value of an estimate of change

The p-value corresponding to an estimate of change is the probability of observing a value larger than the particular observed value under the hypothesis that there is no real change. If p-value <0,01, the difference is highly significant; if p-value is between 0,01 and 0,05, the difference is significant; and if p-value >0,05, the difference is not significant.

9. Definitions

Discouraged work-seeker is a person who was not employed during the reference period, wanted to work, was available to work/start a business but did not take active steps to find work during the last four weeks, provided that the main reason given for not seeking work was any of the following: no jobs available in the area; unable to find work requiring his/her skills; lost hope of finding any kind of work.

Economic activities are those activities that contribute to the production of goods and services in the country. There are two types of economic activities, namely (1) Market production activities (work done for others and usually associated with pay or profit); and (2) Non-market production activities (work done for the benefit of the household, e.g. subsistence farming).

Employed persons are those aged 15–64 years who, during the reference week, did any work for at least one hour, or had a job or business but were not at work (i.e. were temporarily absent).

¹Wolter, K.M. 2007. *Introduction to Variance Estimation, 2nd Edition*. New York: Springer-Verlag.

Employment-to-population ratio (labour absorption rate) is the proportion of the working-age population that is employed.

Informal employment identifies persons who are in precarious employment situations, irrespective of whether or not the entity for which they work is in the formal or informal sector. Persons in informal employment, therefore, comprise all persons in the informal sector, employees in the formal sector, and persons working in private households who are not entitled to basic benefits such as pension or medical aid contributions from their employer, and who do not have a written contract of employment.

Informal sector: The informal sector has the following two components:

- i) Employees working in establishments that employ fewer than five employees, who do not deduct income tax from their salaries/wages; and
- ii) Employers, own-account workers and persons helping unpaid in their household business who are not registered for either income tax or value-added tax.

The **labour force** comprises all persons who are employed plus all persons who are unemployed.

Labour force participation rate is the proportion of the working-age population that is either employed or unemployed.

Long-term unemployment: Persons in long-term unemployment are those individuals among the unemployed who were without work and trying to find a job or start a business for one year or more.

Not economically active: Persons aged 15–64 years who are neither employed nor unemployed in the reference week.

Persons in **underemployment (time-related)** are employed persons who were willing and available to work additional hours, whose total number of hours actually worked during the reference period were below 35 hours per week.

Underutilised labour comprises three groups that are defined as follows: persons who are underemployed, persons who are unemployed, and persons who are discouraged.

Unemployed persons according to **Official definition** are those (aged 15–64 years) who:

- a) Were not employed in the reference week; **and**
- b) Actively looked for work or tried to start a business in the four weeks preceding the survey interview; **and**
- c) Were available for work, i.e. would have been able to start work or a business in the reference week; **or**
- d) Had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks, but had a job or business to start at a definite date in the future and were available.

Unemployed persons according to **Expanded definition** are those (aged 15–64 years) who:

- a) Official unemployment (searched and available); **and**
- b) Available to work but are/or:
 - Discouraged work-seekers
 - Have other reasons for not searching

Unemployment rate is the proportion of the labour force that is unemployed.

The **working-age population** comprises all persons aged 15–64 years.

Appendix 1

Table 1: Population of working age (15–64 years)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Women	19 048	19 122	19 195	19 267	19 339	72	290	0,4	1,5
Men	18 630	18 710	18 790	18 867	18 944	77	314	0,4	1,7
Population groups	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Black/African	30 249	30 399	30 550	30 697	30 844	147	595	0,5	2,0
Coloured	3 434	3 443	3 452	3 460	3 468	8	35	0,2	1,0
Indian/Asian	1 000	1 003	1 005	1 007	1 009	2	9	0,2	0,9
White	2 995	2 987	2 979	2 970	2 961	-9	-34	-0,3	-1,1
South Africa	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Western Cape	4 528	4 551	4 574	4 597	4 619	23	91	0,5	2,0
Eastern Cape	4 228	4 240	4 253	4 265	4 277	12	49	0,3	1,2
Northern Cape	792	794	796	798	800	2	8	0,3	1,1
Free State	1 895	1 897	1 900	1 902	1 904	2	9	0,1	0,5
KwaZulu-Natal	6 975	7 002	7 029	7 055	7 082	27	107	0,4	1,5
North West	2 545	2 556	2 567	2 577	2 588	11	43	0,4	1,7
Gauteng	10 109	10 159	10 210	10 260	10 310	50	201	0,5	2,0
Mpumalanga	2 889	2 901	2 913	2 924	2 935	11	46	0,4	1,6
Limpopo	3 718	3 731	3 744	3 756	3 768	12	50	0,3	1,4

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	22 492	-176	134	-0,8	0,6
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	11 220	-126	-135	-1,1	-1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	2 933	-68	32	-2,3	1,1
Agriculture	847	843	842	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Private households	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0
Unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Discouraged work-seekers	2 787	2 864	2 733	2 841	2 997	156	210	5,5	7,5
Other (not economically active)	12 533	12 598	12 662	12 625	12 793	169	260	1,3	2,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	27,6	0,5	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	58,8	-0,6	-0,5		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	19 048	19 122	19 195	19 267	19 339	72	290	0,4	1,5
Labour force	10 138	10 119	10 240	10 276	10 174	-103	36	-1,0	0,4
Employed	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	7 192	-58	-30	-0,8	-0,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 842	4 817	4 827	4 820	4 763	-57	-80	-1,2	-1,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 113	1 042	1 125	1 113	1 147	34	35	3,0	3,1
Agriculture	285	278	277	285	278	-7	-7	-2,4	-2,6
Private households	982	996	995	1 032	1 004	-27	22	-2,6	2,3
Unemployed	2 915	2 986	3 016	3 027	2 982	-45	66	-1,5	2,3
Not economically active	8 911	9 002	8 955	8 991	9 165	175	254	1,9	2,9
Discouraged work-seekers	1 564	1 594	1 520	1 577	1 627	49	62	3,1	4,0
Other (not economically active)	7 346	7 409	7 435	7 413	7 539	126	192	1,7	2,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,8	29,5	29,4	29,5	29,3	-0,2	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,9	37,3	37,6	37,6	37,2	-0,4	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	53,2	52,9	53,3	53,3	52,6	-0,7	-0,6		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2: Labour force characteristics by sex – All population groups (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Men									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 630	18 710	18 790	18 867	18 944	77	314	0,4	1,7
Labour force	12 220	12 251	12 349	12 392	12 319	-73	98	-0,6	0,8
Employed	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	9 100	-180	-56	-1,9	-0,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 513	6 503	6 427	6 526	6 458	-69	-55	-1,1	-0,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 789	1 786	1 892	1 888	1 786	-102	-3	-5,4	-0,1
Agriculture	561	565	565	564	559	-5	-2	-0,9	-0,4
Private households	293	300	271	300	296	-4	4	-1,3	1,3
Unemployed	3 065	3 097	3 194	3 113	3 219	107	154	3,4	5,0
Not economically active	6 410	6 459	6 440	6 475	6 625	150	216	2,3	3,4
Discouraged work-seekers	1 223	1 270	1 213	1 263	1 371	107	148	8,5	12,1
Other (not economically active)	5 187	5 189	5 228	5 212	5 255	43	68	0,8	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,1	25,3	25,9	25,1	26,1	1,0	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,1	48,9	48,7	49,2	48,0	-1,2	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	65,6	65,5	65,7	65,7	65,0	-0,7	-0,6		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.1: Labour force characteristics by population group

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	22 492	-176	134	-0,8	0,6
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	27,6	0,5	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	58,8	-0,6	-0,5		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	30 249	30 399	30 550	30 697	30 844	147	595	0,5	2,0
Labour force	17 481	17 509	17 798	17 908	17 714	-193	233	-1,1	1,3
Employed	12 223	12 172	12 265	12 461	12 201	-261	-22	-2,1	-0,2
Unemployed	5 259	5 337	5 533	5 446	5 513	67	255	1,2	4,8
Not economically active	12 768	12 891	12 752	12 789	13 130	341	362	2,7	2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,1	30,5	31,1	30,4	31,1	0,7	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,4	40,0	40,1	40,6	39,6	-1,0	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	57,8	57,6	58,3	58,3	57,4	-0,9	-0,4		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 434	3 443	3 452	3 460	3 468	8	35	0,2	1,0
Labour force	2 240	2 236	2 172	2 162	2 201	39	-40	1,8	-1,8
Employed	1 731	1 716	1 700	1 696	1 711	15	-19	0,9	-1,1
Unemployed	510	520	473	466	489	23	-20	5,0	-4,0
Not economically active	1 193	1 207	1 279	1 298	1 268	-30	74	-2,3	6,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,7	23,3	21,8	21,6	22,2	0,6	-0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,4	49,8	49,2	49,0	49,3	0,3	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	65,2	65,0	62,9	62,5	63,4	0,9	-1,8		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.1: Labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Indian/Asian									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 000	1 003	1 005	1 007	1 009	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour force	602	610	594	598	591	-7	-10	-1,1	-1,7
Employed	530	547	534	524	524	0	-6	0,0	-1,2
Unemployed	71	63	60	74	67	-7	-4	-9,0	-5,2
Not economically active	399	392	411	409	418	9	19	2,2	4,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	11,8	10,4	10,1	12,4	11,4	-1,0	-0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	53,0	54,6	53,1	52,0	51,9	-0,1	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	60,1	60,9	59,1	59,4	58,6	-0,8	-1,5		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 995	2 987	2 979	2 970	2 961	-9	-34	-0,3	-1,1
Labour force	2 035	2 015	2 025	2 000	1 986	-14	-49	-0,7	-2,4
Employed	1 894	1 853	1 881	1 847	1 855	8	-39	0,4	-2,0
Unemployed	141	162	144	153	131	-22	-10	-14,5	-7,2
Not economically active	960	972	953	970	976	6	15	0,6	1,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	6,9	8,0	7,1	7,6	6,6	-1,0	-0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,2	62,0	63,2	62,2	62,6	0,4	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	67,9	67,5	68,0	67,3	67,1	-0,2	-0,8		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
15–64 years									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	22 492	-176	134	-0,8	0,6
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	27,6	0,5	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	58,8	-0,6	-0,5		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 312	10 311	10 308	10 303	10 297	-5	-15	-0,1	-0,1
Labour force	2 638	2 590	2 664	2 591	2 553	-38	-86	-1,5	-3,2
Employed	1 257	1 200	1 257	1 173	1 143	-30	-114	-2,5	-9,0
Unemployed	1 381	1 390	1 408	1 417	1 409	-8	28	-0,6	2,0
Not economically active	7 674	7 721	7 644	7 712	7 745	33	71	0,4	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	52,4	53,7	52,8	54,7	55,2	0,5	2,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	12,2	11,6	12,2	11,4	11,1	-0,3	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	25,6	25,1	25,8	25,1	24,8	-0,3	-0,8		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 890	9 927	9 963	9 999	10 035	36	144	0,4	1,5
Labour force	7 303	7 334	7 404	7 415	7 375	-39	72	-0,5	1,0
Employed	4 890	4 869	4 890	4 965	4 851	-114	-39	-2,3	-0,8
Unemployed	2 413	2 466	2 514	2 450	2 524	74	111	3,0	4,6
Not economically active	2 587	2 593	2 559	2 584	2 659	75	72	2,9	2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,0	33,6	34,0	33,0	34,2	1,2	1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,4	49,0	49,1	49,7	48,3	-1,4	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	73,8	73,9	74,3	74,2	73,5	-0,7	-0,3		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.2: Labour force characteristics by age group (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
35–44 years									
Population 35–44 yrs	8 060	8 098	8 137	8 176	8 215	39	155	0,5	1,9
Labour force	6 518	6 537	6 535	6 596	6 505	-91	-13	-1,4	-0,2
Employed	5 154	5 147	5 100	5 147	5 090	-57	-64	-1,1	-1,2
Unemployed	1 363	1 390	1 435	1 449	1 414	-35	51	-2,4	3,7
Not economically active	1 542	1 562	1 602	1 580	1 710	130	169	8,2	10,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,9	21,3	22,0	22,0	21,7	-0,3	0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	64,0	63,6	62,7	63,0	62,0	-1,0	-2,0		
Labour force participation rate	80,9	80,7	80,3	80,7	79,2	-1,5	-1,7		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 614	5 664	5 716	5 767	5 819	52	205	0,9	3,6
Labour force	4 156	4 181	4 252	4 318	4 346	28	190	0,6	4,6
Employed	3 488	3 511	3 570	3 671	3 666	-4	178	-0,1	5,1
Unemployed	668	669	683	648	679	32	11	4,9	1,7
Not economically active	1 458	1 483	1 463	1 449	1 473	24	15	1,7	1,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	16,1	16,0	16,1	15,0	15,6	0,6	-0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	62,1	62,0	62,5	63,6	63,0	-0,6	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	74,0	73,8	74,4	74,9	74,7	-0,2	0,7		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 802	3 832	3 861	3 889	3 917	28	115	0,7	3,0
Labour force	1 742	1 729	1 734	1 749	1 714	-35	-29	-2,0	-1,6
Employed	1 588	1 561	1 564	1 573	1 540	-33	-48	-2,1	-3,0
Unemployed	154	168	170	176	174	-2	19	-1,2	12,5
Not economically active	2 059	2 102	2 127	2 140	2 203	63	144	2,9	7,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	8,9	9,7	9,8	10,0	10,1	0,1	1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,8	40,7	40,5	40,4	39,3	-1,1	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	45,8	45,1	44,9	45,0	43,7	-1,3	-2,1		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	22 358	22 370	22 589	22 668	22 492	-176	134	-0,8	0,6
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Discouraged work-seekers	2 787	2 864	2 733	2 841	2 997	156	210	5,5	7,5
Other	12 533	12 598	12 662	12 625	12 793	169	260	1,3	2,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,7	27,2	27,5	27,1	27,6	0,5	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	59,3	59,1	59,5	59,4	58,8	-0,6	-0,5		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 528	4 551	4 574	4 597	4 619	23	91	0,5	2,0
Labour force	3 150	3 127	3 133	3 121	3 130	8	-20	0,3	-0,6
Employed	2 530	2 480	2 494	2 520	2 520	-1	-10	0,0	-0,4
Unemployed	620	648	638	601	610	9	-10	1,5	-1,7
Not economically active	1 378	1 424	1 442	1 475	1 489	14	111	1,0	8,1
Discouraged work-seekers	62	44	58	72	72	0	11	0,3	17,0
Other	1 316	1 380	1 383	1 403	1 417	14	100	1,0	7,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,7	20,7	20,4	19,3	19,5	0,2	-0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	55,9	54,5	54,5	54,8	54,5	-0,3	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	69,6	68,7	68,5	67,9	67,8	-0,1	-1,8		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 644	1 653	1 662	1 671	1 679	9	35	0,5	2,1
Labour force	1 101	1 089	1 098	1 096	1 120	24	19	2,2	1,7
Employed	940	875	888	924	936	13	-4	1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	161	214	210	172	184	12	23	6,7	14,3
Not economically active	543	564	564	575	559	-15	17	-2,7	3,0
Discouraged work-seekers	48	30	41	56	49	-7	1	-12,2	2,4
Other	495	534	523	519	510	-9	15	-1,7	3,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	14,6	19,6	19,1	15,7	16,4	0,7	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	57,2	53,0	53,4	55,3	55,7	0,4	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	67,0	65,9	66,1	65,6	66,7	1,1	-0,3		
Western Cape – City of Cape Town									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 884	2 898	2 912	2 926	2 940	14	55	0,5	1,9
Labour force	2 049	2 038	2 035	2 026	2 010	-16	-39	-0,8	-1,9
Employed	1 589	1 604	1 606	1 597	1 584	-13	-6	-0,8	-0,4
Unemployed	459	434	429	429	426	-3	-33	-0,6	-7,3
Not economically active	836	860	878	900	930	30	95	3,3	11,3
Discouraged work-seekers	14	14	17	17	24	7	9	41,9	66,0
Other	821	846	860	884	906	23	85	2,6	10,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,4	21,3	21,1	21,2	21,2	0,0	-1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	55,1	55,4	55,1	54,6	53,9	-0,7	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	71,0	70,3	69,9	69,2	68,4	-0,8	-2,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 228	4 240	4 253	4 265	4 277	12	49	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 168	2 132	2 158	2 153	2 089	-64	-80	-3,0	-3,7
Employed	1 397	1 402	1 390	1 375	1 308	-67	-90	-4,9	-6,4
Unemployed	771	730	769	778	781	3	10	0,4	1,3
Not economically active	2 059	2 108	2 095	2 112	2 188	76	129	3,6	6,3
Discouraged work-seekers	354	412	365	373	381	8	26	2,1	7,5
Other	1 705	1 696	1 730	1 739	1 807	69	102	3,9	6,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	35,6	34,2	35,6	36,1	37,4	1,3	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	33,1	33,1	32,7	32,2	30,6	-1,6	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	51,3	50,3	50,7	50,5	48,8	-1,7	-2,5		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 907	2 916	2 923	2 931	2 938	8	31	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 269	1 237	1 272	1 270	1 221	-49	-47	-3,8	-3,7
Employed	804	799	794	778	732	-46	-72	-5,9	-8,9
Unemployed	465	438	478	492	489	-3	25	-0,5	5,3
Not economically active	1 639	1 679	1 652	1 661	1 717	56	78	3,4	4,8
Discouraged work-seekers	330	384	348	341	344	3	14	1,0	4,3
Other	1 309	1 294	1 304	1 320	1 373	53	64	4,0	4,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,6	35,4	37,6	38,7	40,1	1,4	3,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	27,7	27,4	27,2	26,6	24,9	-1,7	-2,8		
Labour force participation rate	43,6	42,4	43,5	43,3	41,6	-1,7	-2,0		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City									
Population 15–64 yrs	511	512	514	515	517	2	6	0,3	1,2
Labour force	349	342	339	315	323	9	-25	2,7	-7,2
Employed	242	244	247	233	239	7	-3	2,9	-1,2
Unemployed	106	98	91	82	84	2	-22	2,2	-21,0
Not economically active	162	171	175	201	193	-7	31	-3,5	19,2
Discouraged work-seekers	23	27	15	32	36	3	12	10,8	52,9
Other	139	144	161	168	158	-11	19	-6,3	13,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,5	28,7	27,0	26,1	26,0	-0,1	-4,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	47,4	47,5	48,1	45,1	46,3	1,2	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	68,2	66,7	65,9	61,1	62,6	1,5	-5,6		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	809	812	815	818	822	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour force	551	553	548	568	544	-24	-7	-4,2	-1,3
Employed	351	360	348	364	336	-28	-15	-7,7	-4,3
Unemployed	200	194	200	204	208	4	8	2,0	3,9
Not economically active	258	259	267	251	278	27	19	10,8	7,5
Discouraged work-seekers	1	1	2		1		0		-6,5
Other	257	258	266	251	277	26	19	10,4	7,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,3	35,0	36,4	35,9	38,2	2,3	1,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,4	44,3	42,7	44,5	40,9	-3,6	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	68,1	68,1	67,2	69,4	66,2	-3,2	-1,9		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	792	794	796	798	800	2	8	0,3	1,1
Labour force	455	446	442	429	434	5	-21	1,1	-4,7
Employed	321	317	323	322	321	-1	0	-0,2	0,0
Unemployed	134	129	120	107	113	5	-22	5,0	-16,1
Not economically active	337	348	354	369	366	-3	30	-0,7	8,9
Discouraged work-seekers	55	66	63	63	84	22	29	34,7	52,4
Other	281	282	291	306	282	-24	1	-8,0	0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,5	28,9	27,0	25,0	26,0	1,0	-3,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,5	40,0	40,5	40,3	40,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	57,5	56,2	55,6	53,8	54,2	0,4	-3,3		
Free State									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 895	1 897	1 900	1 902	1 904	2	9	0,1	0,5
Labour force	1 211	1 202	1 215	1 202	1 233	31	22	2,6	1,8
Employed	814	788	774	806	803	-3	-11	-0,4	-1,4
Unemployed	397	414	441	396	431	35	34	8,7	8,5
Not economically active	684	696	685	699	670	-29	-13	-4,2	-1,9
Discouraged work-seekers	67	82	70	91	77	-14	9	-15,5	13,6
Other	616	614	615	609	594	-15	-22	-2,5	-3,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,8	34,4	36,3	32,9	34,9	2,0	2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,0	41,5	40,7	42,4	42,2	-0,2	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	63,9	63,3	63,9	63,2	64,8	1,6	0,9		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 352	1 352	-1	-2	0,0	-0,1
Labour force	841	821	839	825	847	22	6	2,7	0,7
Employed	555	526	517	541	541	0	-14	-0,1	-2,5
Unemployed	286	294	321	284	306	22	20	7,9	6,9
Not economically active	512	533	514	527	505	-23	-8	-4,3	-1,5
Discouraged work-seekers	59	76	61	76	57	-20	-3	-26,0	-4,6
Other	453	457	453	451	448	-3	-5	-0,6	-1,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,1	35,8	38,3	34,4	36,2	1,8	2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,0	38,9	38,2	40,0	40,0	0,0	-1,0		
Labour force participation rate	62,2	60,6	62,0	61,0	62,7	1,7	0,5		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	542	544	547	550	552	3	11	0,5	2,0
Labour force	370	381	376	378	387	9	16	2,4	4,4
Employed	260	262	257	265	262	-3	3	-1,2	1,0
Unemployed	111	120	120	112	124	12	14	10,9	12,5
Not economically active	171	163	171	172	166	-6	-6	-3,7	-3,3
Discouraged work-seekers	8	6	9	14	20	6	12	41,5	147,5
Other	163	157	162	158	146	-12	-17	-7,7	-10,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	29,9	31,4	31,8	29,7	32,2	2,5	2,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	47,9	48,1	46,9	48,3	47,5	-0,8	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,4	70,0	68,8	68,7	70,0	1,3	1,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal									
Population 15–64 yrs	6 975	7 002	7 029	7 055	7 082	27	107	0,4	1,5
Labour force	3 368	3 349	3 420	3 561	3 469	-91	102	-2,6	3,0
Employed	2 617	2 620	2 635	2 648	2 598	-50	-19	-1,9	-0,7
Unemployed	751	729	786	913	872	-42	121	-4,6	16,1
Not economically active	3 607	3 653	3 608	3 494	3 612	118	6	3,4	0,2
Discouraged work-seekers	851	887	814	765	824	60	-27	7,8	-3,2
Other	2 756	2 765	2 795	2 730	2 788	58	32	2,1	1,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,3	21,8	23,0	25,6	25,1	-0,5	2,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,5	37,4	37,5	37,5	36,7	-0,8	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	48,3	47,8	48,7	50,5	49,0	-1,5	0,7		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 556	4 576	4 596	4 616	4 636	20	80	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 855	1 835	1 940	2 054	1 963	-91	108	-4,4	5,8
Employed	1 412	1 397	1 424	1 469	1 438	-31	26	-2,1	1,9
Unemployed	443	437	516	585	525	-60	82	-10,3	18,4
Not economically active	2 701	2 741	2 656	2 562	2 672	111	-28	4,3	-1,1
Discouraged work-seekers	746	757	661	628	732	104	-14	16,6	-1,9
Other	1 955	1 984	1 995	1 934	1 941	6	-14	0,3	-0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,9	23,8	26,6	28,5	26,7	-1,8	2,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	31,0	30,5	31,0	31,8	31,0	-0,8	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	40,7	40,1	42,2	44,5	42,3	-2,2	1,6		

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Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 419	2 426	2 433	2 439	2 446	7	28	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 513	1 515	1 480	1 507	1 506	0	-6	0,0	-0,4
Employed	1 205	1 222	1 211	1 179	1 160	-19	-45	-1,6	-3,7
Unemployed	308	292	269	328	347	18	39	5,6	12,6
Not economically active	906	911	952	933	940	7	34	0,8	3,7
Discouraged work-seekers	105	130	153	137	92	-45	-13	-32,7	-12,0
Other	801	781	799	796	848	52	46	6,5	5,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,3	19,3	18,2	21,8	23,0	1,2	2,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,8	50,4	49,8	48,3	47,4	-0,9	-2,4		
Labour force participation rate	62,5	62,4	60,8	61,8	61,6	-0,2	-0,9		
North West									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 545	2 556	2 567	2 577	2 588	11	43	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 338	1 323	1 360	1 325	1 318	-6	-20	-0,5	-1,5
Employed	992	977	979	973	970	-3	-22	-0,3	-2,2
Unemployed	346	346	381	352	348	-4	2	-1,1	0,6
Not economically active	1 207	1 232	1 207	1 253	1 270	17	63	1,4	5,2
Discouraged work-seekers	296	323	300	313	339	26	43	8,2	14,5
Other	911	909	906	940	931	-9	20	-0,9	2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	25,8	26,1	28,0	26,6	26,4	-0,2	0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,0	38,2	38,1	37,7	37,5	-0,2	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	52,6	51,8	53,0	51,4	50,9	-0,5	-1,7		

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Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	10 109	10 159	10 210	10 260	10 310	50	201	0,5	2,0
Labour force	7 097	7 195	7 216	7 276	7 263	-13	166	-0,2	2,3
Employed	5 069	5 055	5 077	5 163	5 162	-2	93	0,0	1,8
Unemployed	2 029	2 140	2 139	2 113	2 102	-11	73	-0,5	3,6
Not economically active	3 012	2 965	2 994	2 984	3 046	62	35	2,1	1,2
Discouraged work-seekers	445	428	413	425	413	-11	-32	-2,7	-7,1
Other	2 567	2 537	2 581	2 559	2 633	74	67	2,9	2,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,6	29,7	29,6	29,0	28,9	-0,1	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,1	49,8	49,7	50,3	50,1	-0,2	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	70,2	70,8	70,7	70,9	70,5	-0,4	0,3		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 338	1 341	1 344	1 347	1 349	3	11	0,2	0,8
Labour force	838	854	853	805	812	7	-26	0,9	-3,1
Employed	604	611	608	590	580	-10	-24	-1,7	-3,9
Unemployed	234	242	245	215	232	17	-2	7,8	-0,9
Not economically active	500	488	491	542	537	-4	37	-0,8	7,4
Discouraged work-seekers	110	120	123	152	131	-22	21	-14,1	19,1
Other	390	368	368	389	406	17	16	4,4	4,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,0	28,4	28,7	26,8	28,6	1,8	0,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	45,1	45,6	45,2	43,8	43,0	-0,8	-2,1		
Labour force participation rate	62,6	63,6	63,5	59,8	60,2	0,4	-2,4		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 541	2 551	2 560	2 569	2 578	9	36	0,3	1,4
Labour force	1 814	1 821	1 802	1 842	1 853	10	39	0,6	2,1
Employed	1 253	1 213	1 245	1 268	1 295	26	42	2,1	3,3
Unemployed	561	608	557	574	558	-16	-3	-2,8	-0,5
Not economically active	727	730	758	726	725	-1	-2	-0,2	-0,3
Discouraged work-seekers	86	104	110	102	117	15	30	14,8	34,8
Other	641	626	648	625	608	-17	-32	-2,6	-5,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	30,9	33,4	30,9	31,2	30,1	-1,1	-0,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,3	47,6	48,6	49,4	50,2	0,8	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	71,4	71,4	70,4	71,7	71,9	0,2	0,5		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 748	3 772	3 796	3 820	3 844	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour force	2 808	2 822	2 825	2 856	2 859	3	51	0,1	1,8
Employed	2 000	2 019	1 999	2 029	2 008	-21	7	-1,0	0,4
Unemployed	807	803	826	827	851	24	44	2,9	5,4
Not economically active	940	949	971	964	985	21	45	2,2	4,8
Discouraged work-seekers	96	86	71	84	70	-13	-26	-16,1	-26,7
Other	844	864	899	880	915	34	70	3,9	8,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,8	28,5	29,2	29,0	29,8	0,8	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	53,4	53,5	52,7	53,1	52,2	-0,9	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	74,9	74,8	74,4	74,8	74,4	-0,4	-0,5		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – City of Tshwane									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 481	2 496	2 510	2 524	2 539	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour force	1 638	1 698	1 736	1 772	1 739	-33	102	-1,9	6,2
Employed	1 212	1 211	1 225	1 277	1 279	3	68	0,2	5,6
Unemployed	426	487	511	496	460	-36	34	-7,2	8,0
Not economically active	844	798	774	752	799	47	-45	6,3	-5,3
Discouraged work-seekers	153	118	109	87	96	9	-57	10,0	-37,4
Other	691	679	666	665	703	39	13	5,8	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	26,0	28,7	29,4	28,0	26,4	-1,6	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,8	48,5	48,8	50,6	50,4	-0,2	1,6		
Labour force participation rate	66,0	68,0	69,2	70,2	68,5	-1,7	2,5		
Mpumalanga									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 889	2 901	2 913	2 924	2 935	11	46	0,4	1,6
Labour force	1 770	1 815	1 824	1 832	1 837	4	67	0,2	3,8
Employed	1 197	1 212	1 231	1 245	1 209	-36	12	-2,9	1,0
Unemployed	573	603	592	587	627	40	54	6,9	9,5
Not economically active	1 119	1 086	1 089	1 092	1 099	7	-21	0,6	-1,8
Discouraged work-seekers	248	209	206	198	185	-13	-63	-6,7	-25,4
Other	871	877	883	893	913	20	42	2,3	4,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	32,4	33,2	32,5	32,0	34,2	2,2	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,4	41,8	42,3	42,6	41,2	-1,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	61,3	62,6	62,6	62,7	62,6	-0,1	1,3		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.3: Labour force characteristics by province and metro (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Limpopo									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 718	3 731	3 744	3 756	3 768	12	50	0,3	1,4
Labour force	1 799	1 781	1 821	1 769	1 719	-50	-80	-2,8	-4,5
Employed	1 441	1 436	1 478	1 477	1 401	-75	-39	-5,1	-2,7
Unemployed	359	345	344	292	318	25	-41	8,7	-11,5
Not economically active	1 918	1 950	1 922	1 987	2 049	62	131	3,1	6,8
Discouraged work-seekers	408	414	444	542	622	80	214	14,8	52,3
Other	1 510	1 536	1 478	1 445	1 427	-18	-83	-1,3	-5,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	19,9	19,3	18,9	16,5	18,5	2,0	-1,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,7	38,5	39,5	39,3	37,2	-2,1	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	48,4	47,7	48,7	47,1	45,6	-1,5	-2,8		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	26 286	51	428	0,2	1,7
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	11 220	-126	-135	-1,1	-1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	2 933	-68	32	-2,3	1,1
Agriculture	847	843	842	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Private households	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0
Unemployed	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	9 994	288	514	3,0	5,4
Not economically active	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	11 997	98	177	0,8	1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	38,0	1,0	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	68,7	-0,1	0,1		
Women									
Population 15–64 yrs	19 048	19 122	19 195	19 267	19 339	72	290	0,4	1,5
Labour force	12 155	12 124	12 288	12 320	12 302	-19	146	-0,2	1,2
Employed	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	7 192	-58	-30	-0,8	-0,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4 842	4 817	4 827	4 820	4 763	-57	-80	-1,2	-1,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 113	1 042	1 125	1 113	1 147	34	35	3,0	3,1
Agriculture	285	278	277	285	278	-7	-7	-2,4	-2,6
Private households	982	996	995	1 032	1 004	-27	22	-2,6	2,3
Unemployed	4 933	4 991	5 064	5 071	5 110	39	176	0,8	3,6
Not economically active	6 893	6 997	6 907	6 946	7 037	91	144	1,3	2,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,6	41,2	41,2	41,2	41,5	0,3	0,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,9	37,3	37,6	37,6	37,2	-0,4	-0,7		
Labour force participation rate	63,8	63,4	64,0	63,9	63,6	-0,3	-0,2		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.4: Labour force characteristics by sex – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Men									
Population 15–64 yrs	18 630	18 710	18 790	18 867	18 944	77	314	0,4	1,7
Labour force	13 703	13 798	13 851	13 915	13 984	70	282	0,5	2,1
Employed	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	9 100	-180	-56	-1,9	-0,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6 513	6 503	6 427	6 526	6 458	-69	-55	-1,1	-0,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	1 789	1 786	1 892	1 888	1 786	-102	-3	-5,4	-0,1
Agriculture	561	565	565	564	559	-5	-2	-0,9	-0,4
Private households	293	300	271	300	296	-4	4	-1,3	1,3
Unemployed	4 547	4 644	4 695	4 635	4 885	249	337	5,4	7,4
Not economically active	4 927	4 912	4 939	4 952	4 960	8	33	0,2	0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,2	33,7	33,9	33,3	34,9	1,6	1,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,1	48,9	48,7	49,2	48,0	-1,2	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	73,6	73,7	73,7	73,8	73,8	0,0	0,2		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	26 286	51	428	0,2	1,7
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	9 994	288	514	3,0	5,4
Not economically active	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	11 997	98	177	0,8	1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	38,0	1,0	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	68,7	-0,1	0,1		
Black/African									
Population 15–64 yrs	30 249	30 399	30 550	30 697	30 844	147	595	0,5	2,0
Labour force	20 723	20 796	21 069	21 172	21 211	39	487	0,2	2,4
Employed	12 223	12 172	12 265	12 461	12 201	-261	-22	-2,1	-0,2
Unemployed	8 501	8 624	8 804	8 710	9 010	299	509	3,4	6,0
Not economically active	9 526	9 604	9 481	9 525	9 633	108	107	1,1	1,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,0	41,5	41,8	41,1	42,5	1,4	1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,4	40,0	40,1	40,6	39,6	-1,0	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	68,5	68,4	69,0	69,0	68,8	-0,2	0,3		
Coloured									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 434	3 443	3 452	3 460	3 468	8	35	0,2	1,0
Labour force	2 388	2 374	2 349	2 359	2 403	44	16	1,9	0,7
Employed	1 731	1 716	1 700	1 696	1 711	15	-19	0,9	-1,1
Unemployed	657	658	649	664	692	29	35	4,3	5,3
Not economically active	1 046	1 068	1 103	1 101	1 065	-36	19	-3,2	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,5	27,7	27,6	28,1	28,8	0,7	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,4	49,8	49,2	49,0	49,3	0,3	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	69,5	69,0	68,0	68,2	69,3	1,1	-0,2		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.5: Labour force characteristics by population group – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Indian/Asian									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 000	1 003	1 005	1 007	1 009	2	9	0,2	0,9
Labour force	648	654	647	638	623	-15	-25	-2,4	-3,9
Employed	530	547	534	524	524	0	-6	0,0	-1,2
Unemployed	118	107	113	114	99	-15	-19	-13,2	-15,9
Not economically active	352	348	358	369	386	17	34	4,7	9,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	18,2	16,4	17,5	17,9	15,9	-2,0	-2,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	53,0	54,6	53,1	52,0	51,9	-0,1	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	64,8	65,3	64,4	63,4	61,7	-1,7	-3,1		
White									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 995	2 987	2 979	2 970	2 961	-9	-34	-0,3	-1,1
Labour force	2 099	2 098	2 074	2 066	2 049	-17	-50	-0,8	-2,4
Employed	1 894	1 853	1 881	1 847	1 855	8	-39	0,4	-2,0
Unemployed	205	245	193	218	194	-25	-11	-11,3	-5,5
Not economically active	896	889	904	904	913	8	16	0,9	1,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	9,8	11,7	9,3	10,6	9,4	-1,2	-0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	63,2	62,0	63,2	62,2	62,6	0,4	-0,6		
Labour force participation rate	70,1	70,2	69,6	69,6	69,2	-0,4	-0,9		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
15–64 years									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	26 286	51	428	0,2	1,7
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	9 994	288	514	3,0	5,4
Not economically active	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	11 997	98	177	0,8	1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	38,0	1,0	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	68,7	-0,1	0,1		
15–24 years									
Population 15–24 yrs	10 312	10 311	10 308	10 303	10 297	-5	-15	-0,1	-0,1
Labour force	3 665	3 653	3 703	3 624	3 698	74	32	2,0	0,9
Employed	1 257	1 200	1 257	1 173	1 143	-30	-114	-2,5	-9,0
Unemployed	2 408	2 453	2 446	2 451	2 554	104	146	4,2	6,1
Not economically active	6 647	6 658	6 605	6 679	6 600	-79	-47	-1,2	-0,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	65,7	67,1	66,1	67,6	69,1	1,5	3,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	12,2	11,6	12,2	11,4	11,1	-0,3	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	35,5	35,4	35,9	35,2	35,9	0,7	0,4		
25–34 years									
Population 25–34 yrs	9 890	9 927	9 963	9 999	10 035	36	144	0,4	1,5
Labour force	8 552	8 576	8 631	8 677	8 666	-10	115	-0,1	1,3
Employed	4 890	4 869	4 890	4 965	4 851	-114	-39	-2,3	-0,8
Unemployed	3 661	3 707	3 741	3 712	3 815	103	154	2,8	4,2
Not economically active	1 339	1 351	1 332	1 322	1 368	46	29	3,5	2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,8	43,2	43,3	42,8	44,0	1,2	1,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,4	49,0	49,1	49,7	48,3	-1,4	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	86,5	86,4	86,6	86,8	86,4	-0,4	-0,1		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 2.6: Labour force characteristics by age group – Expanded definition of unemployment (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
35–44 years									
Population 35–44 yrs	8 060	8 098	8 137	8 176	8 215	39	155	0,5	1,9
Labour force	7 181	7 204	7 215	7 263	7 219	-44	37	-0,6	0,5
Employed	5 154	5 147	5 100	5 147	5 090	-57	-64	-1,1	-1,2
Unemployed	2 027	2 057	2 115	2 116	2 129	13	102	0,6	5,0
Not economically active	878	895	922	913	996	83	118	9,1	13,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	28,2	28,6	29,3	29,1	29,5	0,4	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	64,0	63,6	62,7	63,0	62,0	-1,0	-2,0		
Labour force participation rate	89,1	89,0	88,7	88,8	87,9	-0,9	-1,2		
45–54 years									
Population 45–54 yrs	5 614	5 664	5 716	5 767	5 819	52	205	0,9	3,6
Labour force	4 579	4 613	4 703	4 762	4 837	75	258	1,6	5,6
Employed	3 488	3 511	3 570	3 671	3 666	-4	178	-0,1	5,1
Unemployed	1 091	1 102	1 133	1 091	1 170	79	79	7,2	7,3
Not economically active	1 035	1 051	1 012	1 005	982	-23	-53	-2,3	-5,1
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,8	23,9	24,1	22,9	24,2	1,3	0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	62,1	62,0	62,5	63,6	63,0	-0,6	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	81,6	81,4	82,3	82,6	83,1	0,5	1,5		
55–64 years									
Population 55–64 yrs	3 802	3 832	3 861	3 889	3 917	28	115	0,7	3,0
Labour force	1 881	1 877	1 888	1 909	1 867	-43	-14	-2,2	-0,8
Employed	1 588	1 561	1 564	1 573	1 540	-33	-48	-2,1	-3,0
Unemployed	293	316	324	336	326	-10	34	-3,0	11,4
Not economically active	1 921	1 955	1 973	1 980	2 051	71	130	3,6	6,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	15,6	16,8	17,1	17,6	17,5	-0,1	1,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,8	40,7	40,5	40,4	39,3	-1,1	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	49,5	49,0	48,9	49,1	47,6	-1,5	-1,9		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Population 15–64 yrs	37 678	37 832	37 985	38 134	38 283	149	605	0,4	1,6
Labour force	25 858	25 922	26 139	26 235	26 286	51	428	0,2	1,7
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	9 481	9 634	9 759	9 706	9 994	288	514	3,0	5,4
Not economically active	11 820	11 910	11 846	11 899	11 997	98	177	0,8	1,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,7	37,2	37,3	37,0	38,0	1,0	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,5	43,1	43,1	43,3	42,6	-0,7	-0,9		
Labour force participation rate	68,6	68,5	68,8	68,8	68,7	-0,1	0,1		
Western Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 528	4 551	4 574	4 597	4 619	23	91	0,5	2,0
Labour force	3 266	3 229	3 268	3 276	3 261	-15	-5	-0,5	-0,2
Employed	2 530	2 480	2 494	2 520	2 520	-1	-10	0,0	-0,4
Unemployed	736	749	774	755	741	-14	5	-1,8	0,7
Not economically active	1 263	1 323	1 306	1 321	1 358	37	96	2,8	7,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	22,5	23,2	23,7	23,1	22,7	-0,4	0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	55,9	54,5	54,5	54,8	54,5	-0,3	-1,4		
Labour force participation rate	72,1	70,9	71,4	71,3	70,6	-0,7	-1,5		
Western Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 644	1 653	1 662	1 671	1 679	9	35	0,5	2,1
Labour force	1 179	1 155	1 184	1 198	1 193	-4	14	-0,4	1,2
Employed	940	875	888	924	936	13	-4	1,4	-0,5
Unemployed	239	280	296	274	257	-17	18	-6,1	7,7
Not economically active	465	498	478	473	486	13	21	2,8	4,5
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	20,3	24,2	25,0	22,9	21,6	-1,3	1,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	57,2	53,0	53,4	55,3	55,7	0,4	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	71,7	69,9	71,3	71,7	71,1	-0,6	-0,6		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Western Cape – City of Cape Town									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 884	2 898	2 912	2 926	2 940	14	55	0,5	1,9
Labour force	2 087	2 073	2 084	2 078	2 067	-10	-19	-0,5	-0,9
Employed	1 589	1 604	1 606	1 597	1 584	-13	-6	-0,8	-0,4
Unemployed	497	469	478	481	484	3	-13	0,6	-2,7
Not economically active	798	825	829	848	872	24	75	2,9	9,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	23,8	22,6	22,9	23,1	23,4	0,3	-0,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	55,1	55,4	55,1	54,6	53,9	-0,7	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	72,3	71,5	71,5	71,0	70,3	-0,7	-2,0		
Eastern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 228	4 240	4 253	4 265	4 277	12	49	0,3	1,2
Labour force	2 589	2 585	2 573	2 585	2 527	-57	-62	-2,2	-2,4
Employed	1 397	1 402	1 390	1 375	1 308	-67	-90	-4,9	-6,4
Unemployed	1 192	1 183	1 184	1 210	1 220	10	28	0,8	2,3
Not economically active	1 639	1 655	1 680	1 680	1 749	70	111	4,1	6,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	46	46	46	47	48	2	2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	33,1	33,1	32,7	32,2	30,6	-1,6	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	61,2	61,0	60,5	60,6	59,1	-1,5	-2,1		
Eastern Cape – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 907	2 916	2 923	2 931	2 938	8	31	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 657	1 656	1 655	1 656	1 606	-50	-51	-3,0	-3,1
Employed	804	799	794	778	732	-46	-72	-5,9	-8,9
Unemployed	853	857	861	877	874	-3	21	-0,4	2,4
Not economically active	1 250	1 260	1 268	1 275	1 332	57	82	4,5	6,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	51,5	51,7	52,0	53,0	54,4	1,4	2,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	27,7	27,4	27,2	26,6	24,9	-1,7	-2,8		
Labour force participation rate	57,0	56,8	56,6	56,5	54,7	-1,8	-2,3		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City									
Population 15–64 yrs	511	512	514	515	517	2	6	0,3	1,2
Labour force	380	375	368	360	377	16	-3	4,4	-0,9
Employed	242	244	247	233	239	7	-3	2,9	-1,2
Unemployed	137	131	121	128	137	9	0	7,2	-0,2
Not economically active	131	138	146	155	140	-15	9	-9,4	7,0
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,2	35,0	32,8	35,5	36,4	0,9	0,2		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	47,4	47,5	48,1	45,1	46,3	1,2	-1,1		
Labour force participation rate	74,3	73,2	71,6	69,9	72,8	2,9	-1,5		
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay									
Population 15–64 yrs	809	812	815	818	822	3	12	0,4	1,5
Labour force	552	554	550	569	545	-24	-7	-4,2	-1,3
Employed	351	360	348	364	336	-28	-15	-7,7	-4,3
Unemployed	201	195	202	205	209	4	8	2,0	3,8
Not economically active	257	258	266	250	277	27	19	10,8	7,6
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	36,4	35,2	36,7	36,0	38,3	2,3	1,9		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,4	44,3	42,7	44,5	40,9	-3,6	-2,5		
Labour force participation rate	68,2	68,3	67,4	69,5	66,3	-3,2	-1,9		
Northern Cape									
Population 15–64 yrs	792	794	796	798	800	2	8	0,3	1,1
Labour force	544	551	539	524	549	25	5	4,7	1,0
Employed	321	317	323	322	321	-1	0	-0,2	0,0
Unemployed	223	234	216	203	228	25	5	12,5	2,3
Not economically active	248	243	257	274	251	-23	3	-8,3	1,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,0	42,4	40,1	38,6	41,5	2,9	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	40,5	40,0	40,5	40,3	40,1	-0,2	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,7	69,4	67,7	65,7	68,6	2,9	-0,1		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province and metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 895	1 897	1 900	1 902	1 904	2	9	0,1	0,5
Labour force	1 323	1 316	1 323	1 329	1 341	13	19	1,0	1,4
Employed	814	788	774	806	803	-3	-11	-0,4	-1,4
Unemployed	508	528	549	522	538	16	30	3,1	5,9
Not economically active	572	581	577	573	562	-11	-10	-1,9	-1,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	38,4	40,1	41,5	39,3	40,1	0,8	1,7		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	43,0	41,5	40,7	42,4	42,2	-0,2	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	69,8	69,4	69,6	69,9	70,5	0,6	0,7		
Free State – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 353	1 353	1 353	1 352	1 352	-1	-2	0,0	-0,1
Labour force	930	920	928	919	923	4	-7	0,4	-0,8
Employed	555	526	517	541	541	0	-14	-0,1	-2,5
Unemployed	376	393	410	378	382	4	7	1,1	1,7
Not economically active	423	434	425	433	429	-5	6	-1,0	1,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,4	42,7	44,2	41,1	41,4	0,3	1,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,0	38,9	38,2	40,0	40,0	0,0	-1,0		
Labour force participation rate	68,7	67,9	68,6	68,0	68,3	0,3	-0,4		
Free State – Mangaung									
Population 15–64 yrs	542	544	547	550	552	3	11	0,5	2,0
Labour force	392	397	395	410	419	9	26	2,2	6,7
Employed	260	262	257	265	262	-3	3	-1,2	1,0
Unemployed	133	135	139	144	156	12	24	8,4	17,8
Not economically active	149	148	151	140	134	-6	-15	-4,4	-10,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,8	34,1	35,1	35,2	37,4	2,2	3,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	47,9	48,1	46,9	48,3	47,5	-0,8	-0,4		
Labour force participation rate	72,5	72,9	72,3	74,5	75,8	1,3	3,3		

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Table 2.7: Labour force characteristics by province metro – Expanded definition of unemployment (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
KwaZulu-Natal									
Population 15–64 yrs	6 975	7 002	7 029	7 055	7 082	27	107	0,4	1,5
Labour force	4 406	4 435	4 481	4 509	4 509	-1	102	0,0	2,3
Employed	2 617	2 620	2 635	2 648	2 598	-50	-19	-1,9	-0,7
Unemployed	1 790	1 816	1 846	1 862	1 911	49	121	2,6	6,8
Not economically active	2 568	2 566	2 548	2 546	2 573	27	5	1,1	0,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	40,6	40,9	41,2	41,3	42,4	1,1	1,8		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	37,5	37,4	37,5	37,5	36,7	-0,8	-0,8		
Labour force participation rate	63,2	63,3	63,7	63,9	63,7	-0,2	0,5		
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	4 556	4 576	4 596	4 616	4 636	20	80	0,4	1,7
Labour force	2 747	2 755	2 811	2 832	2 877	45	129	1,6	4,7
Employed	1 412	1 397	1 424	1 469	1 438	-31	26	-2,1	1,9
Unemployed	1 336	1 358	1 388	1 363	1 439	76	103	5,5	7,7
Not economically active	1 808	1 821	1 785	1 784	1 759	-25	-50	-1,4	-2,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	48,6	49,3	49,4	48,1	50,0	1,9	1,4		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	31,0	30,5	31,0	31,8	31,0	-0,8	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	60,3	60,2	61,2	61,4	62,1	0,7	1,8		
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 419	2 426	2 433	2 439	2 446	7	28	0,3	1,1
Labour force	1 659	1 680	1 669	1 677	1 632	-45	-27	-2,7	-1,6
Employed	1 205	1 222	1 211	1 179	1 160	-19	-45	-1,6	-3,7
Unemployed	454	458	459	498	472	-27	18	-5,3	4,0
Not economically active	760	745	763	762	815	52	55	6,9	7,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	27,4	27,2	27,5	29,7	28,9	-0,8	1,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,8	50,4	49,8	48,3	47,4	-0,9	-2,4		
Labour force participation rate	68,6	69,3	68,6	68,8	66,7	-2,1	-1,9		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
North West									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 545	2 556	2 567	2 577	2 588	11	43	0,4	1,7
Labour force	1 704	1 727	1 746	1 704	1 745	41	41	2,4	2,4
Employed	992	977	979	973	970	-3	-22	-0,3	-2,2
Unemployed	711	750	767	731	774	43	63	5,9	8,9
Not economically active	841	829	821	874	844	-30	2	-3,4	0,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	41,8	43,4	43,9	42,9	44,4	1,5	2,6		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	39,0	38,2	38,1	37,7	37,5	-0,2	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	66,9	67,6	68,0	66,1	67,4	1,3	0,5		
Gauteng									
Population 15–64 yrs	10 109	10 159	10 210	10 260	10 310	50	201	0,5	2,0
Labour force	7 636	7 707	7 724	7 780	7 770	-10	134	-0,1	1,8
Employed	5 069	5 055	5 077	5 163	5 162	-2	93	0,0	1,8
Unemployed	2 567	2 652	2 647	2 617	2 609	-8	41	-0,3	1,6
Not economically active	2 473	2 452	2 486	2 480	2 539	60	67	2,4	2,7
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,6	34,4	34,3	33,6	33,6	0,0	0,0		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	50,1	49,8	49,7	50,3	50,1	-0,2	0,0		
Labour force participation rate	75,5	75,9	75,6	75,8	75,4	-0,4	-0,1		
Gauteng – Non-metro									
Population 15–64 yrs	1 338	1 341	1 344	1 347	1 349	3	11	0,2	0,8
Labour force	973	993	991	979	972	-6	-1	-0,6	-0,1
Employed	604	611	608	590	580	-10	-24	-1,7	-3,9
Unemployed	369	381	382	389	392	4	23	0,9	6,3
Not economically active	365	349	354	368	377	9	12	2,4	3,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,9	38,4	38,6	39,7	40,4	0,7	2,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	45,1	45,6	45,2	43,8	43,0	-0,8	-2,1		
Labour force participation rate	72,7	74,0	73,7	72,7	72,1	-0,6	-0,6		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 541	2 551	2 560	2 569	2 578	9	36	0,3	1,4
Labour force	1 923	1 939	1 934	1 966	1 992	26	69	1,3	3,6
Employed	1 253	1 213	1 245	1 268	1 295	26	42	2,1	3,3
Unemployed	670	725	689	698	698	0	27	0,0	4,1
Not economically active	618	612	626	603	585	-18	-33	-2,9	-5,3
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	34,9	37,4	35,6	35,5	35,0	-0,5	0,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	49,3	47,6	48,6	49,4	50,2	0,8	0,9		
Labour force participation rate	75,7	76,0	75,5	76,5	77,3	0,8	1,6		
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 748	3 772	3 796	3 820	3 844	24	96	0,6	2,6
Labour force	2 916	2 918	2 917	2 950	2 939	-11	23	-0,4	0,8
Employed	2 000	2 019	1 999	2 029	2 008	-21	7	-1,0	0,4
Unemployed	916	899	918	921	932	11	16	1,2	1,7
Not economically active	831	854	879	870	905	35	73	4,0	8,8
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	31,4	30,8	31,5	31,2	31,7	0,5	0,3		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	53,4	53,5	52,7	53,1	52,2	-0,9	-1,2		
Labour force participation rate	77,8	77,4	76,8	77,2	76,5	-0,7	-1,3		
Gauteng – City of Tshwane									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 481	2 496	2 510	2 524	2 539	14	57	0,6	2,3
Labour force	1 823	1 858	1 883	1 886	1 866	-20	43	-1,0	2,3
Employed	1 212	1 211	1 225	1 277	1 279	3	68	0,2	5,6
Unemployed	612	647	658	609	587	-23	-25	-3,7	-4,1
Not economically active	658	638	627	639	672	34	14	5,3	2,2
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	33,5	34,8	34,9	32,3	31,4	-0,9	-2,1		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	48,8	48,5	48,8	50,6	50,4	-0,2	1,6		
Labour force participation rate	73,5	74,4	75,0	74,7	73,5	-1,2	0,0		

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	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Mpumalanga									
Population 15–64 yrs	2 889	2 901	2 913	2 924	2 935	11	46	0,4	1,6
Labour force	2 081	2 078	2 099	2 114	2 120	6	39	0,3	1,9
Employed	1 197	1 212	1 231	1 245	1 209	-36	12	-2,9	1,0
Unemployed	884	866	867	869	911	42	27	4,9	3,0
Not economically active	808	823	814	810	815	5	7	0,6	0,9
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	42,5	41,7	41,3	41,1	43,0	1,9	0,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	41,4	41,8	42,3	42,6	41,2	-1,4	-0,2		
Labour force participation rate	72,0	71,6	72,1	72,3	72,2	-0,1	0,2		
Limpopo									
Population 15–64 yrs	3 718	3 731	3 744	3 756	3 768	12	50	0,3	1,4
Labour force	2 309	2 294	2 387	2 414	2 464	50	154	2,1	6,7
Employed	1 441	1 436	1 478	1 477	1 401	-75	-39	-5,1	-2,7
Unemployed	869	857	909	937	1 062	125	194	13,3	22,3
Not economically active	1 409	1 437	1 357	1 342	1 304	-37	-104	-2,8	-7,4
Rates (%)									
Unemployment rate	37,6	37,4	38,1	38,8	43,1	4,3	5,5		
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	38,7	38,5	39,5	39,3	37,2	-2,1	-1,5		
Labour force participation rate	62,1	61,5	63,8	64,3	65,4	1,1	3,3		

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Note: 'Employment' refers to market production activities.

Table 3.1: Employed by industry and sex – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Agriculture	847	843	842	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Mining	397	435	406	438	417	-20	20	-4,6	5,2
Manufacturing	1 849	1 744	1 719	1 766	1 780	14	-69	0,8	-3,7
Utilities	143	161	156	134	150	16	7	12,1	4,7
Construction	1 431	1 476	1 502	1 481	1 339	-142	-92	-9,6	-6,4
Trade	3 276	3 219	3 305	3 320	3 345	25	69	0,8	2,1
Transport	960	1 014	996	965	1 025	59	64	6,1	6,7
Finance	2 402	2 399	2 502	2 611	2 516	-94	114	-3,6	4,7
Community and social services	3 785	3 692	3 675	3 624	3 574	-50	-211	-1,4	-5,6
Private households	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0
Other	12	8	11	9	7	-2	-5	-17,9	-41,2
Women	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	7 192	-58	-30	-0,8	-0,4
Agriculture	285	278	277	285	278	-7	-7	-2,4	-2,6
Mining	42	60	51	66	62	-4	20	-6,4	47,5
Manufacturing	624	584	572	594	626	33	2	5,5	0,3
Utilities	34	48	35	35	42	8	9	22,6	25,5
Construction	149	157	151	151	152	2	4	1,0	2,5
Trade	1 553	1 537	1 592	1 509	1 530	21	-23	1,4	-1,5
Transport	193	203	202	180	200	19	6	10,8	3,4
Finance	1 026	1 019	1 078	1 141	1 058	-83	32	-7,3	3,1
Community and social services	2 328	2 246	2 265	2 251	2 234	-17	-93	-0,7	-4,0
Private households	982	996	995	1 032	1 004	-27	22	-2,6	2,3
Other	7	6	5	6	5	-2	-2	-25,7	-30,8
Men	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	9 100	-180	-56	-1,9	-0,6
Agriculture	561	565	565	564	559	-5	-2	-0,9	-0,4
Mining	355	376	355	371	355	-16	0	-4,3	0,1
Manufacturing	1 225	1 160	1 147	1 172	1 154	-19	-71	-1,6	-5,8
Utilities	109	113	121	99	108	8	-2	8,5	-1,7
Construction	1 282	1 318	1 351	1 330	1 186	-144	-96	-10,8	-7,5
Trade	1 723	1 682	1 713	1 811	1 815	4	91	0,2	5,3
Transport	767	811	793	785	825	40	58	5,1	7,5
Finance	1 377	1 381	1 424	1 469	1 459	-11	82	-0,7	6,0
Community and social services	1 458	1 446	1 410	1 373	1 340	-33	-118	-2,4	-8,1
Private households	293	300	271	300	296	-4	4	-1,3	1,3
Other	6	1	5	3	3	0	-3	1,3	-53,7

Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Agriculture	847	843	842	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Western Cape	208	181	183	213	225	13	17	5,9	8,4
Eastern Cape	91	97	88	78	84	7	-6	8,5	-7,0
Northern Cape	48	44	42	39	41	1	-8	3,8	-16,3
Free State	92	71	74	57	60	3	-32	4,9	-35,0
KwaZulu-Natal	115	122	121	136	134	-1	20	-1,1	17,2
North West	47	43	60	62	62	0	15	-0,8	31,0
Gauteng	29	32	34	31	31	0	2	1,4	8,2
Mpumalanga	87	94	91	96	76	-20	-11	-21,0	-12,4
Limpopo	130	158	148	138	124	-14	-6	-10,1	-4,9
Mining	397	435	406	438	417	-20	20	-4,6	5,2
Western Cape	2	4	4	4	4	0	2	-1,3	78,8
Eastern Cape		1	1	1	1	0	1	-17,2	.
Northern Cape	24	23	23	27	28	2	4	6,1	16,4
Free State	18	23	24	24	17	-7	-1	-29,2	-4,7
KwaZulu-Natal	7	6	9	8	9	1	3	11,0	41,6
North West	125	147	133	130	136	6	11	4,5	9,1
Gauteng	74	72	61	65	50	-14	-23	-22,0	-31,3
Mpumalanga	66	72	64	73	71	-1	5	-1,9	7,5
Limpopo	81	88	89	106	100	-6	19	-5,4	23,2
Manufacturing	1 849	1 744	1 719	1 766	1 780	14	-69	0,8	-3,7
Western Cape	351	339	297	325	346	21	-4	6,5	-1,2
Eastern Cape	144	127	118	123	113	-10	-31	-8,1	-21,5
Northern Cape	15	11	13	17	17	0	2	1,9	14,5
Free State	58	58	65	71	77	7	19	9,4	32,4
KwaZulu-Natal	371	350	346	338	348	10	-23	2,9	-6,2
North West	74	49	54	55	75	21	1	37,7	1,1
Gauteng	650	612	627	637	620	-17	-30	-2,7	-4,5
Mpumalanga	98	117	120	109	97	-12	-1	-10,9	-0,7
Limpopo	88	80	79	91	86	-6	-2	-6,1	-2,7

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Utilities	143	161	156	134	150	16	7	12,1	4,7
Western Cape	4	10	13	10	10	0	5	-1,4	119,9
Eastern Cape	5	4	3	2	5	3	0	198,2	-7,9
Northern Cape	9	5	6	4	4	0	-5	-7,8	-56,5
Free State	7	10	11	10	8	-2	1	-21,2	10,1
KwaZulu-Natal	19	17	14	9	10	1	-9	8,8	-48,5
North West	5	11	7	10	9	-1	4	-11,8	97,0
Gauteng	39	51	51	37	52	16	14	42,7	35,4
Mpumalanga	47	41	42	37	38	2	-8	4,3	-17,9
Limpopo	9	11	9	15	14	-1	5	-6,3	58,8
Construction	1 431	1 476	1 502	1 481	1 339	-142	-92	-9,6	-6,4
Western Cape	214	233	233	223	220	-3	6	-1,3	2,6
Eastern Cape	154	163	172	164	136	-28	-17	-16,9	-11,2
Northern Cape	26	24	25	24	18	-6	-8	-23,8	-29,0
Free State	59	51	64	58	56	-2	-3	-2,8	-5,2
KwaZulu-Natal	211	229	238	244	230	-14	19	-5,6	9,0
North West	96	94	79	87	65	-22	-31	-25,2	-32,4
Gauteng	419	419	413	430	375	-55	-44	-12,7	-10,4
Mpumalanga	105	112	115	106	101	-5	-5	-4,6	-4,3
Limpopo	146	150	163	146	137	-10	-9	-6,5	-6,4
Trade	3 276	3 219	3 305	3 320	3 345	25	69	0,8	2,1
Western Cape	510	511	501	486	506	20	-4	4,0	-0,8
Eastern Cape	286	301	309	281	265	-16	-22	-5,7	-7,5
Northern Cape	48	50	50	48	46	-2	-2	-4,8	-3,8
Free State	176	162	141	140	155	15	-21	10,6	-12,0
KwaZulu-Natal	467	466	511	521	534	13	67	2,4	14,4
North West	197	190	197	179	191	12	-6	6,8	-2,8
Gauteng	1 004	975	979	1 043	1 066	23	62	2,2	6,1
Mpumalanga	261	247	262	267	258	-9	-3	-3,3	-1,3
Limpopo	328	318	354	354	325	-30	-3	-8,4	-0,9

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Transport	960	1 014	996	965	1 025	59	64	6,1	6,7
Western Cape	141	157	160	158	133	-25	-8	-15,8	-5,8
Eastern Cape	70	62	71	71	82	11	12	15,6	17,2
Northern Cape	10	11	14	11	14	2	4	21,7	36,9
Free State	35	41	35	40	42	2	7	4,6	19,7
KwaZulu-Natal	178	194	176	178	184	6	6	3,2	3,6
North West	33	34	33	32	45	13	12	40,5	37,1
Gauteng	383	405	389	358	389	30	6	8,4	1,4
Mpumalanga	52	58	67	60	69	10	17	15,9	33,0
Limpopo	58	51	51	56	66	10	8	18,2	14,5
Finance	2 402	2 399	2 502	2 611	2 516	-94	114	-3,6	4,7
Western Cape	436	423	456	469	444	-25	8	-5,4	1,8
Eastern Cape	134	137	132	148	127	-21	-7	-14,3	-5,2
Northern Cape	26	24	22	19	20	1	-6	5,4	-21,5
Free State	91	84	71	91	77	-14	-14	-15,4	-15,8
KwaZulu-Natal	323	327	347	369	335	-34	13	-9,2	3,9
North West	117	100	98	94	89	-5	-28	-5,3	-23,9
Gauteng	1 018	1 063	1 112	1 139	1 168	29	150	2,6	14,8
Mpumalanga	117	122	143	161	155	-6	38	-3,6	32,2
Limpopo	141	119	120	120	101	-19	-39	-15,9	-28,1
Community and social services	3 785	3 692	3 675	3 624	3 574	-50	-211	-1,4	-5,6
Western Cape	496	462	499	484	492	8	-4	1,7	-0,8
Eastern Cape	403	402	390	390	388	-2	-15	-0,4	-3,7
Northern Cape	95	105	100	104	109	5	14	5,2	14,2
Free State	200	202	197	219	198	-21	-2	-9,4	-0,9
KwaZulu-Natal	702	684	657	605	580	-24	-122	-4,0	-17,3
North West	228	231	241	237	212	-25	-17	-10,6	-7,2
Gauteng	1 069	1 040	1 017	1 029	1 026	-3	-43	-0,3	-4,0
Mpumalanga	252	238	227	229	240	11	-12	4,9	-4,8
Limpopo	339	327	347	329	328	-1	-11	-0,2	-3,1

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Table 3.2: Employed by industry and province (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Private households	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0
Western Cape	165	161	147	148	139	-9	-25	-6,2	-15,4
Eastern Cape	111	108	104	118	107	-11	-4	-9,6	-3,7
Northern Cape	20	20	27	29	25	-5	4	-15,8	21,9
Free State	77	84	92	96	112	16	35	16,4	46,0
KwaZulu-Natal	225	225	217	239	232	-6	8	-2,6	3,4
North West	70	77	76	85	84	-1	14	-0,9	20,8
Gauteng	376	378	384	387	378	-9	2	-2,4	0,5
Mpumalanga	111	111	101	109	103	-5	-8	-5,0	-7,1
Limpopo	121	134	118	120	120	0	0	-0,2	-0,3

For all values of 10 000 or lower, the sample size is too small for reliable estimates.

Due to rounding, numbers do not necessarily add up to totals.

Table 3.3: Employed by sector and industry – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Total employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Formal and informal sector (non-agricultural)	14 256	14 148	14 271	14 348	14 154	-194	-103	-1,4	-0,7
Mining	397	435	406	438	417	-20	20	-4,6	5,2
Manufacturing	1 849	1 744	1 719	1 766	1 780	14	-69	0,8	-3,7
Utilities	143	161	156	134	150	16	7	12,1	4,7
Construction	1 431	1 476	1 502	1 481	1 339	-142	-92	-9,6	-6,4
Trade	3 276	3 219	3 305	3 320	3 345	25	69	0,8	2,1
Transport	960	1 014	996	965	1 025	59	64	6,1	6,7
Finance	2 402	2 399	2 502	2 611	2 516	-94	114	-3,6	4,7
Community and social services	3 785	3 692	3 675	3 624	3 574	-50	-211	-1,4	-5,6
Other	12	8	11	9	7	-2	-5	-17,9	-41,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	11 220	-126	-135	-1,1	-1,2
Mining	394	427	400	432	412	-20	18	-4,5	4,7
Manufacturing	1 617	1 529	1 500	1 529	1 545	16	-72	1,0	-4,5
Utilities	138	155	152	134	142	8	4	6,0	2,8
Construction	939	982	961	937	885	-51	-53	-5,5	-5,7
Trade	2 183	2 138	2 149	2 128	2 167	39	-16	1,8	-0,7
Transport	675	745	721	690	704	14	29	2,0	4,3
Finance	2 132	2 143	2 178	2 351	2 256	-96	124	-4,1	5,8
Community and social services	3 266	3 192	3 182	3 137	3 102	-35	-164	-1,1	-5,0
Other	12	8	11	9	7	-2	-5	-17,9	-41,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	2 933	-68	32	-2,3	1,1
Mining	3	8	6	6	5	0	2	-7,5	58,5
Manufacturing	232	215	218	237	235	-2	3	-0,9	1,4
Utilities	5	5	4	.	8	8	3	.	56,1
Construction	492	493	541	544	453	-91	-39	-16,7	-7,9
Trade	1 093	1 081	1 156	1 191	1 177	-14	85	-1,2	7,7
Transport	286	270	275	276	321	45	35	16,4	12,3
Finance	271	257	323	259	261	1	-10	0,5	-3,7
Community and social services	520	500	493	488	472	-15	-47	-3,1	-9,1
Other									
Agriculture	847	843	842	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Private households	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	11 355	11 320	11 255	11 346	11 220	-126	-135	-1,1	-1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2 901	2 828	3 017	3 001	2 933	-68	32	-2,3	1,1
Agriculture	847	843	842	849	837	-12	-9	-1,4	-1,1
Private households	1 275	1 296	1 267	1 332	1 301	-31	26	-2,3	2,0
Western Cape	2 530	2 480	2 494	2 520	2 520	-1	-10	0,0	-0,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 862	1 856	1 883	1 867	1 869	2	6	0,1	0,3
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	295	282	281	293	286	-6	-8	-2,2	-2,9
Agriculture	208	181	183	213	225	13	17	5,9	8,4
Private households	165	161	147	148	139	-9	-25	-6,2	-15,4
Western Cape – Non-metro	940	875	888	924	936	13	-4	1,4	-0,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	576	557	564	545	566	21	-10	3,8	-1,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	106	98	102	120	99	-20	-6	-16,9	-6,1
Agriculture	191	160	163	191	209	19	19	9,7	9,8
Private households	68	61	59	68	61	-6	-7	-9,5	-9,9
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1 589	1 604	1 606	1 597	1 584	-13	-6	-0,8	-0,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 287	1 299	1 319	1 321	1 303	-18	16	-1,4	1,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	189	184	179	173	187	14	-2	8,0	-1,0
Agriculture	17	22	21	22	16	-6	-1	-26,9	-7,3
Private households	97	100	87	81	78	-3	-19	-3,3	-19,3
Eastern Cape	1 397	1 402	1 390	1 375	1 308	-67	-90	-4,9	-6,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	885	884	859	882	810	-72	-75	-8,2	-8,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	311	314	339	297	307	9	-4	3,2	-1,3
Agriculture	91	97	88	78	84	7	-6	8,5	-7,0
Private households	111	108	104	118	107	-11	-4	-9,6	-3,7

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	804	799	794	778	732	-46	-72	-5,9	-8,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	452	438	418	432	403	-29	-50	-6,8	-11,0
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	212	203	224	204	194	-10	-18	-5,0	-8,4
Agriculture	81	91	87	69	72	4	-8	5,2	-10,5
Private households	59	67	64	74	63	-10	4	-14,2	6,9
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	242	244	247	233	239	7	-3	2,9	-1,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	172	176	181	167	164	-3	-8	-1,9	-4,5
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	47	52	49	45	53	8	6	18,7	12,9
Agriculture	8	3	1	3	4	1	-3	25,4	-42,1
Private households	16	13	16	17	18	1	2	3,6	12,0
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	351	360	348	364	336	-28	-15	-7,7	-4,3
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	261	270	259	283	243	-40	-18	-14,1	-6,8
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	52	59	66	48	60	11	8	23,1	14,5
Agriculture	2	3		5	7	2	5	40,7	251,7
Private households	36	28	23	27	26	-1	-10	-5,3	-27,8
Northern Cape	321	317	323	322	321	-1	0	-0,2	0,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	225	226	226	217	218	0	-7	0,1	-3,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	28	27	27	36	38	2	11	6,0	39,7
Agriculture	48	44	42	39	41	1	-8	3,8	-16,3
Private households	20	20	27	29	25	-5	4	-15,8	21,9
Free State	814	788	774	806	803	-3	-11	-0,4	-1,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	500	483	474	519	488	-31	-12	-6,1	-2,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	146	150	133	134	143	9	-3	7,0	-2,0
Agriculture	92	71	74	57	60	3	-32	4,9	-35,0
Private households	77	84	92	96	112	16	35	16,4	46,0

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Free State – Non-metro	555	526	517	541	541	0	-14	-0,1	-2,5
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	314	302	299	325	305	-20	-9	-6,1	-2,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	98	101	87	88	97	8	-1	9,4	-1,2
Agriculture	91	70	71	55	56	1	-35	1,0	-38,8
Private households	52	53	61	73	83	11	32	14,7	61,2
Free State – Mangaung	260	262	257	265	262	-3	3	-1,2	1,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	185	181	175	194	183	-12	-3	-6,0	-1,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	48	49	47	45	46	1	-2	2,3	-3,7
Agriculture	1	1	3	2	4	2	3	127,5	367,1
Private households	25	31	32	24	29	5	4	21,5	14,9
KwaZulu-Natal	2 617	2 620	2 635	2 648	2 598	-50	-19	-1,9	-0,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 824	1 816	1 816	1 768	1 759	-9	-65	-0,5	-3,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	453	457	480	505	472	-33	19	-6,6	4,2
Agriculture	115	122	121	136	134	-1	20	-1,1	17,2
Private households	225	225	217	239	232	-6	8	-2,6	3,4
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	1 412	1 397	1 424	1 469	1 438	-31	26	-2,1	1,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	893	867	886	882	887	5	-6	0,6	-0,7
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	299	302	316	332	304	-28	5	-8,3	1,8
Agriculture	113	119	116	130	128	-2	16	-1,2	14,1
Private households	107	110	106	125	118	-7	11	-5,4	10,2
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini	1 205	1 222	1 211	1 179	1 160	-19	-45	-1,6	-3,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	931	949	931	885	872	-14	-59	-1,6	-6,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	154	155	164	174	168	-6	14	-3,2	8,9
Agriculture	2	3	5	6	6	0	4	1,1	175,0
Private households	118	115	111	114	114	0	-3	0,4	-2,8

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
North West	992	977	979	973	970	-3	-22	-0,3	-2,2
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	715	692	692	682	655	-27	-60	-3,9	-8,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	160	165	150	144	169	25	9	17,6	5,6
Agriculture	47	43	60	62	62	0	15	-0,8	31,0
Private households	70	77	76	85	84	-1	14	-0,9	20,8
Gauteng	5 069	5 055	5 077	5 163	5 162	-2	93	0,0	1,8
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3 870	3 889	3 830	3 883	3 925	42	55	1,1	1,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	794	756	829	862	827	-35	34	-4,0	4,3
Agriculture	29	32	34	31	31	0	2	1,4	8,2
Private households	376	378	384	387	378	-9	2	-2,4	0,5
Gauteng – Non-metro	604	611	608	590	580	-10	-24	-1,7	-3,9
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	404	430	418	395	406	10	2	2,6	0,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	108	104	118	126	104	-21	-4	-17,0	-3,7
Agriculture	18	19	12	14	16	2	-2	16,0	-11,0
Private households	74	58	61	55	54	-1	-19	-2,0	-26,4
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	1 253	1 213	1 245	1 268	1 295	26	42	2,1	3,3
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	989	965	1 001	1 029	1 054	25	65	2,4	6,6
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	183	161	168	167	170	2	-13	1,4	-7,3
Agriculture	2	4	5	4	6	2	5	62,7	263,2
Private households	79	83	71	68	64	-3	-15	-5,0	-18,6
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	2 000	2 019	1 999	2 029	2 008	-21	7	-1,0	0,4
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1 493	1 494	1 445	1 426	1 399	-26	-93	-1,9	-6,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	357	365	395	415	421	6	64	1,4	18,0
Agriculture	3	1	4	2	3	1	0	49,0	3,9
Private households	148	160	156	186	184	-1	36	-0,7	24,4

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Table 3.4: Employed by province and sector (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	1 212	1 211	1 225	1 277	1 279	3	68	0,2	5,6
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	985	1 000	966	1 033	1 066	33	81	3,2	8,2
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	145	126	148	154	132	-22	-13	-14,0	-8,9
Agriculture	6	7	14	11	6	-5	0	-46,1	-5,1
Private households	75	78	97	79	75	-3	0	-4,4	-0,2
Mpumalanga	1 197	1 212	1 231	1 245	1 209	-36	12	-2,9	1,0
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	712	734	720	736	726	-10	14	-1,3	1,9
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	287	273	319	305	304	-1	17	-0,2	6,1
Agriculture	87	94	91	96	76	-20	-11	-21,0	-12,4
Private households	111	111	101	109	103	-5	-8	-5,0	-7,1
Limpopo	1 441	1 436	1 478	1 477	1 401	-75	-39	-5,1	-2,7
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	761	741	754	793	771	-21	10	-2,7	1,4
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	428	404	457	425	386	-40	-43	-9,3	-10,0
Agriculture	130	158	148	138	124	-14	-6	-10,1	-4,9
Private households	121	134	118	120	120	0	0	-0,2	-0,3

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Table 3.5: Employed by sex and occupation – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Manager	1 422	1 416	1 431	1 444	1 463	18	40	1,3	2,8
Professional	873	878	948	878	884	5	11	0,6	1,3
Technician	1 415	1 448	1 399	1 474	1 448	-26	33	-1,8	2,4
Clerk	1 746	1 704	1 689	1 704	1 679	-26	-68	-1,5	-3,9
Sales and services	2 692	2 635	2 653	2 687	2 667	-20	-24	-0,7	-0,9
Skilled agriculture	62	64	58	66	47	-19	-15	-28,4	-24,7
Craft and related trade	1 994	2 007	2 018	2 073	1 972	-101	-22	-4,9	-1,1
Plant and machine operator	1 359	1 364	1 382	1 394	1 380	-14	21	-1,0	1,6
Elementary	3 823	3 775	3 814	3 780	3 737	-44	-87	-1,2	-2,3
Domestic worker	991	996	984	1 029	1 013	-15	22	-1,5	2,2
Women	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	7 192	-58	-30	-0,8	-0,4
Manager	436	449	446	428	415	-13	-22	-3,1	-5,0
Professional	442	428	495	471	479	8	37	1,7	8,3
Technician	770	800	754	784	779	-5	10	-0,6	1,2
Clerk	1 266	1 235	1 241	1 227	1 222	-5	-44	-0,4	-3,5
Sales and services	1 322	1 265	1 346	1 362	1 329	-33	7	-2,4	0,5
Skilled agriculture	14	16	11	14	7	-8	-7	-53,4	-50,8
Craft and related trade	215	220	204	202	229	27	14	13,6	6,5
Plant and machine operator	171	183	176	180	189	9	18	5,1	10,6
Elementary	1 637	1 572	1 600	1 584	1 567	-17	-69	-1,1	-4,2
Domestic worker	948	966	952	997	974	-23	25	-2,3	2,7
Men	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	9 100	-180	-56	-1,9	-0,6
Manager	986	967	985	1 016	1 049	31	62	3,1	6,3
Professional	430	450	453	407	404	-2	-26	-0,6	-6,0
Technician	645	648	645	690	669	-21	24	-3,1	3,7
Clerk	480	469	448	477	457	-20	-23	-4,3	-4,9
Sales and services	1 370	1 370	1 307	1 326	1 339	13	-31	1,0	-2,3
Skilled agriculture	49	47	48	51	40	-11	-9	-21,5	-17,5
Craft and related trade	1 778	1 787	1 814	1 871	1 742	-129	-36	-6,9	-2,0
Plant and machine operator	1 188	1 181	1 205	1 214	1 191	-23	3	-1,9	0,3
Elementary	2 186	2 204	2 215	2 196	2 169	-27	-17	-1,2	-0,8
Domestic worker	43	30	31	32	39	8	-4	24,2	-8,4

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Table 3.6: Employed by sex and status in employment – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Employee	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Employer	805	785	839	882	832	-50	27	-5,7	3,3
Own-account worker	1 540	1 549	1 607	1 570	1 617	47	78	3,0	5,0
Unpaid household member	68	94	93	85	107	22	39	26,1	56,7
Women	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	7 192	-58	-30	-0,8	-0,4
Employee	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Employer	150	147	166	172	150	-22	-1	-12,8	-0,4
Own-account worker	683	629	671	652	674	22	-9	3,4	-1,3
Unpaid household member	42	53	66	65	80	14	38	21,8	91,4
Men	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	9 100	-180	-56	-1,9	-0,6
Employee	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Employer	655	638	673	710	682	-28	27	-4,0	4,1
Own-account worker	857	921	936	918	943	25	87	2,7	10,1
Unpaid household member	26	41	27	19	27	8	1	41,0	2,0

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Table 3.7: Employed by sex and usual hours of work – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Working less than 15 hours per week	351	342	374	359	337	-22	-14	-6,1	-3,9
Working 15–29 hours per week	1 113	1 082	1 126	1 215	1 195	-20	82	-1,6	7,3
Working 30–39 hours per week	1 167	1 101	1 126	1 104	1 091	-13	-76	-1,2	-6,5
Working 40–45 hours per week	9 127	9 156	8 940	9 111	9 048	-63	-79	-0,7	-0,9
Working more than 45 hours per week	4 619	4 606	4 814	4 740	4 620	-120	1	-2,5	0,0
Women	7 222	7 134	7 225	7 250	7 192	-58	-30	-0,8	-0,4
Working less than 15 hours per week	210	202	225	200	186	-14	-25	-7,2	-11,7
Working 15–29 hours per week	708	692	729	774	754	-20	46	-2,6	6,5
Working 30–39 hours per week	722	652	677	654	694	40	-27	6,1	-3,8
Working 40–45 hours per week	4 001	4 038	3 949	3 981	4 028	46	27	1,2	0,7
Working more than 45 hours per week	1 581	1 550	1 645	1 640	1 530	-110	-51	-6,7	-3,2
Men	9 155	9 154	9 156	9 279	9 100	-180	-56	-1,9	-0,6
Working less than 15 hours per week	140	140	149	159	151	-7	11	-4,6	7,6
Working 15–29 hours per week	406	390	398	441	441	0	36	0,1	8,8
Working 30–39 hours per week	445	449	449	450	397	-53	-49	-11,8	-10,9
Working 40–45 hours per week	5 126	5 119	4 991	5 130	5 021	-109	-106	-2,1	-2,1
Working more than 45 hours per week	3 037	3 056	3 169	3 100	3 090	-10	52	-0,3	1,7

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Pension/retirement fund contribution									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	6 634	6 673	6 465	6 563	6 588	24	-47	0,4	-0,7
No	7 097	6 950	7 119	7 138	6 884	-255	-214	-3,6	-3,0
Don't know	232	237	256	290	264	-26	31	-9,0	13,5
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	2 804	2 862	2 769	2 795	2 783	-11	-21	-0,4	-0,8
No	3 442	3 346	3 444	3 436	3 402	-34	-40	-1,0	-1,2
Don't know	101	97	109	130	103	-27	2	-20,7	2,1
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	3 830	3 811	3 697	3 769	3 804	36	-26	0,9	-0,7
No	3 656	3 604	3 675	3 703	3 482	-221	-174	-6,0	-4,8
Don't know	132	140	148	160	161	1	29	0,6	22,3
Entitled to any paid leave									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	9 267	9 153	9 115	9 291	9 188	-103	-79	-1,1	-0,8
No	4 571	4 576	4 605	4 553	4 438	-115	-132	-2,5	-2,9
Don't know	126	131	121	147	109	-39	-18	-26,2	-14,0
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	4 131	4 072	4 037	4 098	4 055	-43	-77	-1,1	-1,9
No	2 161	2 176	2 235	2 194	2 186	-8	25	-0,4	1,1
Don't know	54	58	49	68	48	-20	-7	-30,1	-12,2
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	5 136	5 081	5 078	5 194	5 134	-60	-2	-1,2	0,0
No	2 409	2 400	2 370	2 358	2 252	-106	-157	-4,5	-6,5
Don't know	72	74	71	79	61	-18	-11	-22,8	-15,4

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Entitled to paid sick leave									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	9 839	9 730	9 654	9 820	9 849	29	10	0,3	0,1
No	4 125	4 130	4 187	4 172	3 886	-286	-239	-6,8	-5,8
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	4 368	4 344	4 286	4 380	4 358	-22	-10	-0,5	-0,2
No	1 979	1 961	2 035	1 981	1 931	-50	-49	-2,5	-2,5
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	5 472	5 386	5 368	5 440	5 492	51	20	0,9	0,4
No	2 146	2 169	2 152	2 191	1 955	-235	-190	-10,7	-8,9
Entitled to maternity/paternity leave									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	8 020	7 870	7 884	8 056	8 029	-27	8	-0,3	0,1
No	5 944	5 990	5 957	5 935	5 706	-229	-237	-3,9	-4,0
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	3 755	3 660	3 685	3 726	3 713	-13	-42	-0,4	-1,1
No	2 592	2 645	2 637	2 634	2 575	-59	-16	-2,2	-0,6
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	4 265	4 210	4 199	4 330	4 316	-14	51	-0,3	1,2
No	3 352	3 345	3 320	3 301	3 131	-170	-221	-5,2	-6,6

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
UIF contribution									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	8 326	8 355	8 327	8 470	8 418	-52	92	-0,6	1,1
No	5 410	5 300	5 286	5 282	5 048	-234	-362	-4,4	-6,7
Don't know	228	205	229	240	269	30	41	12,4	18,1
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	3 518	3 574	3 529	3 561	3 550	-11	32	-0,3	0,9
No	2 732	2 638	2 696	2 690	2 615	-75	-117	-2,8	-4,3
Don't know	97	93	97	109	123	14	26	12,7	26,6
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	4 808	4 781	4 798	4 909	4 868	-41	60	-0,8	1,2
No	2 678	2 662	2 590	2 592	2 433	-159	-246	-6,1	-9,2
Don't know	131	112	132	131	146	16	15	12,0	11,8
Medical aid benefits									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	4 145	4 111	4 046	4 078	4 007	-71	-138	-1,8	-3,3
No	9 691	9 632	9 677	9 775	9 582	-193	-109	-2,0	-1,1
Don't know	128	117	117	138	146	8	19	6,0	14,5
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	1 820	1 800	1 775	1 767	1 725	-42	-94	-2,4	-5,2
No	4 476	4 457	4 495	4 536	4 506	-30	29	-0,7	0,7
Don't know	51	48	52	57	57	0	7	0,2	12,8
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	2 325	2 310	2 272	2 311	2 282	-30	-44	-1,3	-1,9
No	5 215	5 175	5 182	5 239	5 077	-163	-139	-3,1	-2,7
Don't know	77	69	65	81	89	8	12	10,0	15,5

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Income tax (PAYE/SITE) deduction									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	7 648	7 661	7 428	7 530	7 488	-42	-160	-0,6	-2,1
No	6 058	5 944	6 114	6 161	5 935	-226	-124	-3,7	-2,0
Don't know	258	255	298	301	313	11	55	3,8	21,3
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	3 274	3 268	3 154	3 198	3 192	-6	-82	-0,2	-2,5
No	2 956	2 936	3 050	3 044	2 980	-64	24	-2,1	0,8
Don't know	117	101	118	119	117	-2	0	-1,6	-0,4
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	4 374	4 393	4 275	4 332	4 296	-36	-78	-0,8	-1,8
No	3 103	3 007	3 064	3 117	2 955	-162	-148	-5,2	-4,8
Don't know	140	155	181	183	196	13	55	7,2	39,4
Condition of employment									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-256	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Written contract	11 276	11 139	11 061	11 161	11 092	-69	-183	-0,6	-1,6
Verbal agreement	2 689	2 721	2 779	2 831	2 643	-188	-45	-6,6	-1,7
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Written contract	5 149	5 080	5 047	5 075	5 041	-34	-108	-0,7	-2,1
Verbal agreement	1 198	1 225	1 275	1 286	1 247	-38	50	-3,0	4,1
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Written contract	6 126	6 059	6 014	6 086	6 051	-35	-75	-0,6	-1,2
Verbal agreement	1 491	1 496	1 505	1 545	1 396	-149	-95	-9,7	-6,4

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Nature of contract/agreement (both sexes)									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-257	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Limited duration	1 936	1 858	1 827	1 961	1 812	-149	-124	-7,6	-6,4
Permanent nature	8 491	8 428	8 407	8 504	8 480	-24	-11	-0,3	-0,1
Unspecified duration	3 536	3 574	3 607	3 526	3 443	-83	-93	-2,4	-2,6
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Limited duration	963	965	960	1 001	950	-51	-13	-5,1	-1,3
Permanent nature	3 751	3 737	3 694	3 753	3 700	-53	-51	-1,4	-1,4
Unspecified duration	1 632	1 603	1 668	1 606	1 638	32	6	2,0	0,4
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Limited duration	973	894	867	959	862	-97	-111	-10,1	-11,4
Permanent nature	4 740	4 691	4 713	4 752	4 780	28	40	0,6	0,8
Unspecified duration	1 904	1 971	1 939	1 920	1 805	-115	-99	-6,0	-5,2
Trade union membership (both sexes)									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-257	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Yes	4 145	4 150	4 062	4 041	3 978	-63	-167	-1,6	-4,0
No	9 435	9 336	9 389	9 587	9 329	-258	-106	-2,7	-1,1
Don't know	384	374	390	363	429	66	45	18,2	11,7
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Yes	1 768	1 787	1 685	1 707	1 715	8	-53	0,5	-3,0
No	4 444	4 375	4 477	4 506	4 401	-105	-43	-2,3	-1,0
Don't know	135	143	159	147	173	26	38	17,7	28,1
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Yes	2 377	2 362	2 377	2 334	2 263	-71	-114	-3,0	-4,8
No	4 991	4 961	4 912	5 081	4 928	-153	-63	-3,0	-1,3
Don't know	249	232	230	216	256	40	7	18,5	2,8

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Table 3.8: Conditions of employment – South Africa (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
How annual salary increment is negotiated									
Both sexes	13 964	13 860	13 841	13 992	13 735	-257	-229	-1,8	-1,6
Individual and employer	1 105	1 098	1 035	1 176	1 176	0	71	0,0	6,4
Union and employer	3 072	3 141	3 156	3 102	3 064	-38	-8	-1,2	-0,3
Bargaining council	1 142	1 119	1 025	1 069	1 057	-12	-85	-1,1	-7,4
Employer only	7 754	7 570	7 651	7 592	7 449	-143	-305	-1,9	-3,9
No regular increment	811	864	904	964	920	-44	109	-4,6	13,4
Other	80	68	70	89	70	-19	-10	-21,3	-12,5
Women									
Women	6 347	6 305	6 322	6 360	6 288	-72	-59	-1,1	-0,9
Individual and employer	479	443	450	520	502	-18	23	-3,5	4,8
Union and employer	1 257	1 314	1 250	1 232	1 268	36	11	2,9	0,9
Bargaining council	566	551	523	555	547	-8	-19	-1,4	-3,4
Employer only	3 621	3 557	3 628	3 564	3 539	-25	-82	-0,7	-2,3
No regular increment	386	413	442	459	410	-49	24	-10,7	6,2
Other	38	28	28	31	23	-8	-15	-25,8	-39,5
Men									
Men	7 617	7 555	7 519	7 631	7 447	-184	-170	-2,4	-2,2
Individual and employer	626	655	585	656	674	18	48	2,7	7,7
Union and employer	1 816	1 828	1 906	1 870	1 796	-74	-20	-4,0	-1,1
Bargaining council	576	568	502	514	510	-4	-66	-0,8	-11,5
Employer only	4 134	4 013	4 023	4 028	3 910	-118	-224	-2,9	-5,4
No regular increment	425	451	462	505	510	5	85	1,0	20,0
Other	42	40	42	58	47	-11	5	-19,0	11,9

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Table 3.9: Time-related underemployment – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	698	735	783	754	786	32	88	4,3	12,6
Women	420	418	461	443	453	10	33	2,4	7,8
Men	278	317	323	311	333	22	55	7,0	19,8
As percentage of the labour force (both sexes)	3,1	3,3	3,5	3,3	3,5	0,2	0,4		
Women	4,1	4,1	4,5	4,3	4,5	0,2	0,4		
Men	2,3	2,6	2,6	2,5	2,7	0,2	0,4		
As percentage of total employment (both sexes)	4,3	4,5	4,8	4,6	4,8	0,2	0,5		
Women	5,8	5,9	6,4	6,1	6,3	0,2	0,5		
Men	3,0	3,5	3,5	3,4	3,7	0,3	0,7		
Industry	698	735	783	754	786	32	88	4,3	12,6
Agriculture	15	21	27	25	24	0	9	-0,6	61,7
Mining		0		2					
Manufacturing	38	34	38	29	31	2	-7	6,6	-17,6
Utilities	1	2	2						
Construction	69	73	91	88	83	-5	14	-5,9	21,1
Trade	93	120	124	112	121	9	28	8,3	29,9
Transport	16	13	24	22	18	-3	3	-15,8	19,1
Finance	54	54	52	53	63	10	9	18,6	17,1
Community and social services	171	184	197	177	193	16	22	8,9	12,8
Private households	242	234	228	247	250	2	8	0,9	3,2
Occupation	698	735	783	754	786	32	88	4,3	12,6
Manager	15	12	18	15	15	1	1	4,3	4,4
Professional	2	7	7	8	7	-2	4	-19,1	187,7
Technician	21	33	31	28	43	15	22	51,6	100,8
Clerk	18	22	22	25	19	-6	1	-25,4	4,4
Sales and services	66	86	83	72	89	17	24	23,6	35,9
Skilled agriculture	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	31,6	119,2
Craft and related trade	77	70	81	85	81	-4	3	-4,6	4,3
Plant and machine operator	11	17	26	25	24	-1	13	-5,4	111,2
Elementary	316	333	355	324	343	18	26	5,6	8,3
Domestic worker	169	151	159	168	162	-6	-7	-3,6	-4,3

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Job losers	1 951	1 973	1 939	1 805	1 945	140	-6	7,7	-0,3
Job leavers	291	277	316	308	296	-11	5	-3,6	1,7
New entrants	2 293	2 358	2 518	2 572	2 452	-120	159	-4,7	6,9
Re-entrants	262	267	260	267	308	41	46	15,5	17,5
Other	1 183	1 207	1 176	1 188	1 199	11	16	0,9	1,4
Unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Long-term unemployment (1 year and more)	4 098	4 185	4 272	4 363	4 278	-85	180	-1,9	4,4
Short-term unemployment (less than 1 year)	1 882	1 898	1 937	1 776	1 923	147	41	8,2	2,2
Long-term unemployment (%)									
Proportion of the labour force	18,3	18,7	18,9	19,2	19,0	-0,2	0,7		
Proportion of the unemployed	68,5	68,8	68,8	71,1	69,0	-2,1	0,5		
Those who have worked in the past 5 years									
Previous occupation	2 504	2 518	2 515	2 379	2 549	170	45	7,1	1,8
Manager	52	70	67	65	56	-9	4	-13,8	7,5
Professional	48	38	53	48	57	9	9	19,1	20,0
Technician	125	132	124	124	118	-7	-7	-5,3	-5,8
Clerk	283	282	259	253	304	50	21	19,9	7,3
Sales and services	460	424	443	388	424	37	-36	9,4	-7,8
Skilled agriculture	7	6	5	6	6	0	-1	2,2	-12,8
Craft and related trade	417	419	428	393	423	30	6	7,6	1,4
Plant and machine operator	188	179	179	192	212	20	23	10,2	12,5
Elementary	751	763	807	741	783	43	32	5,7	4,3
Domestic worker	173	201	151	169	167	-2	-5	-1,0	-3,0
Other	1	4	1	1					

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Table 4: Characteristics of the unemployed – South Africa (concluded)

	Oct-Dec 2017	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Previous industry	2 504	2 518	2 515	2 379	2 549	170	45	7,1	1,8
Agriculture	139	148	139	115	124	9	-15	7,8	-10,9
Mining	37	49	62	47	52	4	15	9,2	40,7
Manufacturing	237	260	266	245	254	9	17	3,6	7,3
Utilities	15	22	21	12	16	4	1	33,4	7,3
Construction	439	438	428	399	451	51	12	12,9	2,7
Trade	559	556	598	576	575	-2	15	-0,3	2,7
Transport	113	117	117	115	139	24	26	20,8	22,7
Finance	380	365	345	327	366	39	-13	12,1	-3,5
Community and social services	354	324	327	319	342	23	-12	7,1	-3,4
Private households	232	236	212	223	231	8	0	3,6	-0,1
Other			3	1					

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Table 5: Characteristics of the not economically active – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Student	6 137	6 219	6 250	6 286	6 135	-151	-2	-2,4	0,0
Homemaker	2 522	2 577	2 561	2 540	2 602	62	80	2,5	3,2
Illness/disability	1 557	1 502	1 570	1 581	1 640	59	82	3,7	5,3
Too old/young to work	1 433	1 456	1 407	1 466	1 543	76	110	5,2	7,7
Discouraged work-seekers	2 787	2 864	2 733	2 841	2 997	156	210	5,5	7,5
Other	884	845	875	752	874	122	-10	16,2	-1,1
Inactivity rate by age (both sexes)	40,7	40,9	40,5	40,6	41,2	0,6	0,5		
15–24 yrs	74,4	74,9	74,2	74,9	75,2	0,3	0,8		
25–54 yrs	23,7	23,8	23,6	23,4	24,3	0,9	0,6		
55–64 yrs	54,2	54,9	55,1	55,0	56,3	1,3	2,1		
Inactivity rate by age (women)	46,8	47,1	46,7	46,7	47,4	0,7	0,6		
15–24 yrs	77,1	78,0	77,2	77,2	77,8	0,6	0,7		
25–54 yrs	30,8	31,0	30,6	30,8	31,5	0,7	0,7		
55–64 yrs	62,3	62,3	62,7	62,4	63,9	1,5	1,6		
Inactivity rate by age (men)	34,4	34,5	34,3	34,3	35,0	0,7	0,6		
15–24 yrs	71,7	71,8	71,1	72,6	72,6	0,0	0,9		
25–54 yrs	16,6	16,6	16,6	16,1	17,1	1,0	0,5		
55–64 yrs	44,2	45,7	45,8	46,0	46,8	0,8	2,6		

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Age group of the employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
15–24 yrs	1 257	1 200	1 257	1 173	1 143	-30	-114	-2,5	-9,0
25–34 yrs	4 890	4 869	4 890	4 965	4 851	-114	-39	-2,3	-0,8
35–44 yrs	5 154	5 147	5 100	5 147	5 090	-57	-64	-1,1	-1,2
45–54 yrs	3 488	3 511	3 570	3 671	3 666	-4	178	-0,1	5,1
55–64 yrs	1 588	1 561	1 564	1 573	1 540	-33	-48	-2,1	-3,0
Age group of the unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
15–24 yrs	1 381	1 390	1 408	1 417	1 409	-8	28	-0,6	2,0
25–34 yrs	2 413	2 466	2 514	2 450	2 524	74	111	3,0	4,6
35–44 yrs	1 363	1 390	1 435	1 449	1 414	-35	51	-2,4	3,7
45–54 yrs	668	669	683	648	679	32	11	4,9	1,7
55–64 yrs	154	168	170	176	174	-2	19	-1,2	12,5
Age group of the not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
15–24 yrs	7 674	7 721	7 644	7 712	7 745	33	71	0,4	0,9
25–34 yrs	2 587	2 593	2 559	2 584	2 659	75	72	2,9	2,8
35–44 yrs	1 542	1 562	1 602	1 580	1 710	130	169	8,2	10,9
45–54 yrs	1 458	1 483	1 463	1 449	1 473	24	15	1,7	1,0
55–64 yrs	2 059	2 102	2 127	2 140	2 203	63	144	2,9	7,0
Highest level of education of the employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
No schooling	292	296	286	312	303	-9	11	-2,7	3,8
Less than primary completed	1 029	1 006	987	947	913	-34	-116	-3,6	-11,3
Primary completed	611	590	626	643	652	9	41	1,4	6,7
Secondary not completed	5 594	5 470	5 572	5 553	5 363	-190	-231	-3,4	-4,1
Secondary completed	5 226	5 338	5 245	5 410	5 325	-85	100	-1,6	1,9
Tertiary	3 453	3 418	3 478	3 473	3 533	60	80	1,7	2,3
Other	173	170	187	190	202	12	29	6,2	17,0

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Highest level of education of the unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
No schooling	64	67	77	67	75	8	11	11,2	17,1
Less than primary completed	361	326	319	355	337	-18	-23	-5,0	-6,5
Primary completed	210	225	231	222	237	15	28	6,9	13,1
Secondary not completed	2 749	2 818	2 863	2 868	2 825	-43	76	-1,5	2,8
Secondary completed	2 057	2 110	2 181	2 102	2 142	40	85	1,9	4,1
Tertiary	493	504	504	482	547	65	54	13,6	11,0
Other	47	34	34	43	37	-6	-10	-13,9	-21,4
Highest level of education of the not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
No schooling	615	621	602	582	616	35	1	6,0	0,1
Less than primary completed	1 439	1 502	1 534	1 477	1 387	-90	-52	-6,1	-3,6
Primary completed	847	903	956	1 008	899	-109	51	-10,8	6,1
Secondary not completed	8 034	8 236	8 234	8 319	8 280	-38	247	-0,5	3,1
Secondary completed	3 613	3 450	3 327	3 321	3 790	469	178	14,1	4,9
Tertiary	629	590	596	588	662	74	33	12,6	5,2
Other	143	159	147	172	156	-16	13	-9,4	8,9
Employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Attending educational institution	340	316	359	351	326	-25	-14	-7,0	-4,1
Not attending educational institution	16 037	15 972	16 021	16 178	15 965	-213	-72	-1,3	-0,4
Unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Attending educational institution	107	116	126	112	108	-3	1	-3,1	1,4
Not attending educational institution	5 873	5 967	6 084	6 027	6 092	65	219	1,1	3,7
Not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Attending educational institution	5 999	6 171	6 155	6 215	6 015	-199	16	-3,2	0,3
Not attending educational institution	9 321	9 291	9 240	9 251	9 775	525	454	5,7	4,9

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Table 6: Sociodemographic characteristics – South Africa (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Current marital status of the employed	16 378	16 288	16 380	16 529	16 291	-237	-86	-1,4	-0,5
Married	6 363	6 274	6 201	6 292	6 238	-54	-125	-0,9	-2,0
Living together like husband and wife	2 070	2 047	2 075	2 091	2 032	-59	-38	-2,8	-1,8
Widow/widower	486	459	497	487	488	1	2	0,2	0,5
Divorced or separated	494	500	506	512	510	-2	16	-0,3	3,3
Never married	6 965	7 008	7 101	7 148	7 024	-124	58	-1,7	0,8
Current marital status of the unemployed	5 980	6 083	6 209	6 139	6 201	62	220	1,0	3,7
Married	941	911	908	932	943	11	1	1,2	0,1
Living together like husband and wife	646	674	751	673	697	23	51	3,4	7,9
Widow/widower	72	87	81	79	83	4	11	5,2	15,4
Divorced or separated	104	105	100	87	87	-1	-18	-1,1	-17,2
Never married	4 217	4 305	4 369	4 368	4 392	24	175	0,6	4,2
Current marital status of the not economically active	15 320	15 462	15 395	15 466	15 791	325	470	2,1	3,1
Married	2 761	2 738	2 745	2 754	2 798	44	36	1,6	1,3
Living together like husband and wife	808	865	860	830	866	36	58	4,3	7,1
Widow/widower	618	614	625	661	634	-28	16	-4,2	2,6
Divorced or separated	231	219	233	245	253	7	21	3,0	9,2
Never married	10 902	11 025	10 932	10 975	11 241	265	339	2,4	3,1

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Table 7: Profile of those not in employment, education or training – South Africa

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Both sexes	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	15 868	590	673	3,9	4,4
Women	8 763	8 839	8 812	8 836	9 048	212	284	2,4	3,2
Men	6 431	6 419	6 512	6 442	6 820	378	389	5,9	6,1
Age group	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	15 868	590	673	3,9	4,4
15–24 yrs	3 343	3 260	3 206	3 205	3 423	217	80	6,8	2,4
25–34 yrs	4 662	4 687	4 701	4 682	4 843	161	181	3,4	3,9
35–44 yrs	2 859	2 897	2 988	2 985	3 083	98	224	3,3	7,8
45–54 yrs	2 119	2 146	2 135	2 093	2 144	52	25	2,5	1,2
55–64 yrs	2 211	2 267	2 293	2 313	2 375	62	163	2,7	7,4
Population groups	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	15 868	590	673	3,9	4,4
Black/African	12 795	12 849	12 916	12 827	13 399	572	604	4,5	4,7
Coloured	1 300	1 309	1 345	1 342	1 377	35	77	2,6	6,0
Indian/Asian	364	328	346	362	368	6	4	1,8	1,1
White	735	772	717	747	724	-24	-12	-3,2	-1,6
South Africa	15 194	15 258	15 324	15 278	15 868	590	673	3,9	4,4
Western Cape	1 445	1 470	1 496	1 486	1 535	49	90	3,3	6,2
Eastern Cape	2 009	2 029	2 073	2 104	2 157	54	149	2,6	7,4
Northern Cape	366	380	372	369	366	-3	0	-0,9	-0,1
Free State	743	765	779	760	773	12	29	1,6	4,0
KwaZulu-Natal	3 106	3 070	3 064	3 092	3 256	164	150	5,3	4,8
North West	1 150	1 185	1 163	1 159	1 237	78	87	6,8	7,5
Gauteng	3 695	3 724	3 744	3 676	3 730	54	35	1,5	0,9
Mpumalanga	1 201	1 172	1 178	1 170	1 216	46	15	3,9	1,2
Limpopo	1 479	1 463	1 455	1 463	1 599	136	120	9,3	8,1

Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
South Africa									
Subsistence farming	2 153	1 686	1 657	1 844	2 054	210	-99	11,4	-4,6
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	4 427	4 271	4 464	4 656	4 220	-436	-207	-9,4	-4,7
Producing other goods for household use	122	149	189	193	189	-4	67	-1,9	55,1
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	393	379	409	424	435	11	43	2,7	10,9
Hunting or fishing for household use	37	51	21	24	28	4	-8	16,2	-23,0
Involvement in at least one activity	5 844	5 422	5 613	5 838	5 589	-248	-254	-4,3	-4,3
Employed	1 669	1 510	1 611	1 735	1 656	-80	-13	-4,6	-0,8
Unemployed	969	885	931	986	913	-72	-56	-7,4	-5,8
Not economically active	3 206	3 027	3 071	3 117	3 020	-96	-185	-3,1	-5,8
Western Cape									
Subsistence farming	8	8	5	4	3	-1	-4	-13,6	-56,9
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	117	113	113	136	97	-39	-20	-28,8	-17,1
Producing other goods for household use		1							
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	3	1	2						
Hunting or fishing for household use									
Involvement in at least one activity	124	120	119	140	100	-40	-24	-28,4	-19,0
Employed	70	69	63	85	55	-30	-15	-35,5	-22,0
Unemployed	22	23	26	26	23	-4	1	-13,2	5,6
Not economically active	32	28	30	28	22	-6	-9	-21,1	-29,3
Eastern Cape									
Subsistence farming	664	461	409	503	651	148	-13	29,4	-2,0
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	974	979	1 082	1 155	923	-232	-51	-20,1	-5,2
Producing other goods for household use	9	5	10	10	17	7	8	62,7	85,3
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	183	154	159	173	181	8	-2	4,7	-1,0
Hunting or fishing for household use	6	3	2	1	2	1	-5	92,6	-74,0
Involvement in at least one activity	1 347	1 236	1 318	1 382	1 280	-102	-67	-7,4	-5,0
Employed	310	266	275	313	297	-16	-13	-5,1	-4,3
Unemployed	280	222	277	295	275	-20	-5	-6,8	-1,8
Not economically active	758	748	765	775	708	-67	-49	-8,6	-6,5

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Northern Cape									
Subsistence farming	15	15	15	17	12	-5	-3	-30,2	-18,3
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	91	110	83	96	105	9	14	9,4	15,9
Producing other goods for household use	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	30,3	53,3
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	0	0	2						
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	0	1		3		0		-5,0
Involvement in at least one activity	98	121	96	108	115	7	17	6,6	16,8
Employed	23	28	22	20	23	3	0	12,5	-1,6
Unemployed	19	25	20	27	19	-8	0	-31,0	-1,7
Not economically active	56	68	54	60	73	13	17	21,8	30,7
Free State									
Subsistence farming	122	118	81	121	120	-2	-2	-1,5	-2,0
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	40	45	45	31	46	15	6	49,7	15,4
Producing other goods for household use	2	1	1	2	0	-1	-1	-76,2	-74,3
Construction or major repairs to own or household'	4	2	4	2	3	1	-1	35,6	-29,2
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	5	5	6	8	2	5	34,2	197,4
Involvement in at least one activity	162	157	120	149	167	18	6	12,1	3,5
Employed	71	61	59	57	73	16	3	28,3	3,6
Unemployed	45	60	33	47	52	5	7	10,7	15,0
Not economically active	46	35	29	45	42	-3	-4	-6,9	-8,1
KwaZulu-Natal									
Subsistence farming	888	744	790	850	837	-14	-51	-1,6	-5,8
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	1 158	1 102	1 199	1 235	1 152	-83	-6	-6,7	-0,5
Producing other goods for household use	91	113	150	154	134	-20	43	-13,0	47,8
Construction or major repairs to own or household	100	97	99	98	75	-23	-25	-23,5	-25,4
Hunting or fishing for household use	11	19	10	12	10	-3	-2	-21,9	-13,6
Involvement in at least one activity	1 754	1 644	1 772	1 812	1 738	-74	-16	-4,1	-0,9
Employed	463	444	514	539	514	-25	51	-4,7	11,0
Unemployed	193	194	202	248	204	-44	12	-17,6	6,1
Not economically active	1 099	1 007	1 056	1 025	1 020	-5	-78	-0,5	-7,1

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (continued)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on-year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
North West									
Subsistence farming	25	21	30	38	31	-6	6	-17,0	24,4
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	461	437	517	604	549	-55	88	-9,1	19,2
Producing other goods for household use	3	1	3	2	1	-1	-1	-37,4	-57,0
Construction or major repairs to own or household	2	21	51	64	68	5	67	7,3	4094,6
Hunting or fishing for household use		0							
Involvement in at least one activity	471	450	529	617	558	-59	87	-9,6	18,5
Employed	133	131	147	153	163	10	30	6,5	22,2
Unemployed	72	67	71	88	52	-35	-20	-40,4	-27,8
Not economically active	266	253	311	377	343	-34	77	-8,9	29,2
Gauteng									
Subsistence farming	34	30	51	25	29	4	-5	14,9	-14,5
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	138	126	132	102	114	11	-24	11,0	-17,7
Producing other goods for household use	2	13	11	8	15	7	13	93,0	615,8
Construction or major repairs to own or household	43	60	39	38	43	5	0	12,9	-0,2
Hunting or fishing for household use	6	10	1	2	1	-1	-5	-48,7	-80,5
Involvement in at least one activity	200	191	203	157	174	17	-26	10,6	-13,0
Employed	108	104	107	89	95	6	-13	7,0	-12,3
Unemployed	57	63	62	52	48	-4	-8	-7,9	-14,9
Not economically active	35	23	34	16	31	15	-4	89,9	-12,1
Mpumalanga									
Subsistence farming	183	96	100	83	146	63	-37	76,2	-20,1
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	481	434	411	445	421	-24	-60	-5,5	-12,5
Producing other goods for household use	14	13	11	15	21	6	7	39,9	51,1
Construction or major repairs to own or household	16	6	13	5	2	-3	-14	-64,2	-87,8
Hunting or fishing for household use	3	2	2	1	1	0	-2	-29,8	-79,7
Involvement in at least one activity	607	487	480	510	530	20	-76	4,0	-12,6
Employed	164	127	125	160	153	-7	-12	-4,4	-7,3
Unemployed	163	128	147	125	136	11	-28	8,8	-17,0
Not economically active	279	232	208	226	242	16	-37	7,3	-13,1

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Table 8: Involvement in non-market activities and labour market status by province (concluded)

	Jan-Mar 2018	Apr-Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change	Qtr-to-qtr change	Year-on- year change
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Per cent	Per cent
Limpopo									
Subsistence farming	215	194	175	203	226	23	11	11,3	5,0
Fetching water or collecting wood/dung	967	925	881	851	813	-38	-154	-4,5	-16,0
Producing other goods for household use	2	1	1	2					
Construction or major repairs to own or household	43	36	42	44	64	19	21	43,1	49,4
Hunting or fishing for household use	4	11	2	2	4	2	0	88,7	-3,8
Involvement in at least one activity	1 081	1 016	975	962	926	-36	-154	-3,7	-14,3
Employed	326	281	299	320	284	-36	-42	-11,1	-12,9
Unemployed	118	102	93	77	104	27	-14	34,3	-11,7
Not economically active	637	633	582	565	538	-27	-99	-4,7	-15,5

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Appendix 2

Table 2A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex										
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
Both sexes										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,6	0,5	-176	-369	18	0,08				
Employed	0,7	0,6	-237	-422	-53	0,01				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,0	1,0	-126	-298	46	0,15				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,3	2,2	-68	-178	41	0,22				
Agriculture	4,7	4,5	-12	-68	44	0,67				
Private households	2,7	2,9	-31	-92	30	0,31				
Unemployed	1,9	1,6	62	-117	240	0,50				
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	325	132	519	0,00				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,3	3,2	156	-11	324	0,07				
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,7	169	-14	352	0,07				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,4	0,5	-0,2	1,2	0,17				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,6	-0,8	-1,3	-0,3	0,00				
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	-0,7	-1,2	-0,2	0,01				
Women										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,8	0,7	-103	-235	29	0,13				
Employed	1,0	1,0	-58	-182	67	0,36				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,4	1,4	-57	-163	49	0,29				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	3,3	3,0	34	-33	100	0,32				
Agriculture	8,3	7,0	-7	-42	28	0,69				
Private households	2,8	3,3	-27	-78	24	0,30				
Unemployed	2,3	2,3	-45	-158	67	0,43				
Not economically active	0,9	0,8	175	43	307	0,01				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,7	3,5	49	-63	161	0,39				
Other (not economically active)	1,0	0,9	126	-5	256	0,06				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	2,0	2,0	-0,2	-1,1	0,8	0,77				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,0	1,0	-0,4	-1,1	0,2	0,18				
Labour force participation rate	0,8	0,7	-0,7	-1,4	0,0	0,04				

Table 2A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (concluded)

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
Men										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,5	0,5	-73	-200	54	0,26				
Employed	0,8	0,7	-180	-299	-60	0,00				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,1	1,1	-69	-182	45	0,23				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,7	2,7	-102	-192	-12	0,03				
Agriculture	4,8	4,9	-5	-48	38	0,81				
Private households	6,1	5,6	-4	-38	30	0,82				
Unemployed	2,2	1,9	107	-23	236	0,11				
Not economically active	1,0	1,0	150	24	277	0,02				
Discouraged work-seekers	4,1	4,1	107	4	211	0,04				
Other (not economically active)	1,1	1,1	43	-73	159	0,47				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	2,0	1,7	1,0	0,1	1,9	0,03				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,7	-1,2	-1,8	-0,5	0,00				
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,7	-1,3	0,0	0,06				

Table 2.1A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
South Africa										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,6	0,5	-176	-369	18	0,08				
Employed	0,7	0,6	-237	-422	-53	0,01				
Unemployed	1,9	1,6	62	-117	240	0,50				
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	325	132	519	0,00				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,4	0,5	-0,2	1,2	0,17				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,6	-0,8	-1,3	-0,3	0,00				
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	-0,7	-1,2	-0,2	0,01				
Black/African										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,6	0,5	-193	-368	-19	0,03				
Employed	0,8	0,7	-261	-416	-105	0,00				
Unemployed	2,0	1,7	67	-99	234	0,43				
Not economically active	0,9	0,7	341	166	516	0,00				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,5	0,7	-0,1	1,5	0,08				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,7	-1,0	-1,5	-0,5	0,00				
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	-0,9	-1,5	-0,3	0,00				
Coloured										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	1,7	1,5	39	-12	89	0,14				
Employed	1,8	1,7	15	-48	79	0,63				
Unemployed	6,1	6,0	23	-19	65	0,28				
Not economically active	2,9	2,5	-30	-81	21	0,24				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,2	5,4	0,7	-1,3	2,6	0,49				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,8	1,7	0,3	-1,5	2,2	0,72				
Labour force participation rate	1,7	1,5	1,0	-0,5	2,4	0,20				

Table 2.1A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,4	2,7	-7	-46	33	0,74
Employed	4,0	3,6	0	-32	32	1,00
Unemployed	13,1	15,6	-7	-32	18	0,60
Not economically active	5,0	3,8	9	-31	48	0,66
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,9	15,8	-1,0	-4,8	2,8	0,61
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,0	3,6	-0,1	-3,3	3,1	0,95
Labour force participation rate	3,4	2,7	-0,8	-4,7	3,1	0,69
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	1,6	-14	-77	48	0,65
Employed	1,9	1,8	8	-56	72	0,81
Unemployed	16,6	11,5	-22	-69	25	0,36
Not economically active	3,3	3,2	6	-57	68	0,86
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	16,2	11,4	-1,1	-3,4	1,2	0,37
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,8	0,4	-1,7	2,6	0,69
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,6	-0,3	-2,4	1,8	0,79

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
South Africa										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,6	0,5	-176	-369	18	0,08				
Employed	0,7	0,6	-237	-422	-53	0,01				
Unemployed	1,9	1,6	62	-117	240	0,50				
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	325	132	519	0,00				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,3	3,2	156	-11	324	0,07				
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,7	169	-14	352	0,07				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,7	1,4	0,5	-0,2	1,2	0,17				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,6	-0,8	-1,3	-0,3	0,00				
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	-0,7	-1,2	-0,2	0,01				
Western Cape										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	1,6	1,1	8	-58	75	0,81				
Employed	1,7	1,4	-1	-76	75	0,98				
Unemployed	5,1	5,0	9	-39	57	0,71				
Not economically active	3,4	2,4	14	-52	81	0,67				
Discouraged work-seekers	23,9	27,6	0	-26	27	0,99				
Other (not economically active)	3,4	2,1	14	-53	81	0,68				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	4,4	4,5	0,2	-1,3	1,8	0,76				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	1,4	-0,3	-1,9	1,4	0,73				
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,1	-0,2	-1,6	1,3	0,84				

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,8	2,0	24	-28	77	0,37
Employed	3,1	2,6	13	-49	75	0,69
Unemployed	11,2	11,3	12	-21	44	0,48
Not economically active	5,3	4,0	-15	-68	37	0,56
Discouraged work-seekers	29,2	38,0	-7	-26	13	0,49
Other (not economically active)	5,9	2,7	-9	-60	43	0,74
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,3	10,8	0,7	-2,3	3,7	0,65
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,1	2,6	0,5	-3,2	4,2	0,81
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,0	1,1	-2,0	4,2	0,49
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	1,4	-16	-56	25	0,44
Employed	2,0	1,5	-13	-57	31	0,55
Unemployed	5,4	5,0	-3	-37	32	0,89
Not economically active	4,3	2,9	30	-11	70	0,15
Discouraged work-seekers	37,1	29,3	7	-11	25	0,43
Other (not economically active)	4,1	3,0	23	-21	66	0,30
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,6	4,4	0,0	-1,6	1,7	0,96
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	1,5	-0,7	-2,2	0,8	0,35
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,4	-0,9	-2,3	0,5	0,22

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Eastern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	2,0	-64	-137	8	0,08
Employed	2,5	2,4	-67	-127	-8	0,03
Unemployed	5,4	4,5	3	-56	63	0,91
Not economically active	2,1	1,9	76	4	149	0,04
Discouraged work-seekers	7,5	8,0	8	-41	56	0,75
Other (not economically active)	2,7	2,7	69	-12	149	0,09
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,2	3,5	1,3	-1,0	3,5	0,27
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,4	-1,7	-3,1	-0,3	0,02
Labour force participation rate	2,0	2,0	-1,6	-3,3	0,1	0,06
Eastern Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,2	2,9	-49	-106	9	0,10
Employed	3,6	3,6	-46	-90	-3	0,04
Unemployed	7,8	6,5	-3	-51	46	0,92
Not economically active	2,5	2,1	56	-1	114	0,06
Discouraged work-seekers	7,6	7,8	3	-43	49	0,89
Other (not economically active)	3,2	2,9	53	-12	118	0,11
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,8	4,9	1,3	-1,7	4,3	0,38
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	3,6	-1,6	-3,1	-0,2	0,03
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,9	-1,8	-3,7	0,2	0,08

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,8	2,7	9	-4	21	0,19
Employed	7,5	2,9	7	-18	32	0,59
Unemployed	11,8	6,2	2	-13	17	0,82
Not economically active	6,0	4,5	-7	-20	6	0,28
Discouraged work-seekers	33,8	38,4	3	-10	17	0,62
Other (not economically active)	9,7	11,6	-11	-30	9	0,28
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	13,4	5,1	-0,1	-5,7	5,4	0,96
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	7,5	2,9	1,2	-3,7	6,0	0,63
Labour force participation rate	3,8	2,7	1,5	-1,0	4,0	0,24
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,2	3,7	-24	-67	19	0,28
Employed	2,6	4,8	-28	-61	5	0,10
Unemployed	6,7	7,2	4	-27	35	0,80
Not economically active	5,0	7,3	27	-16	70	0,22
Discouraged work-seekers	.	94,9	1	-1	2	0,29
Other (not economically active)	5,0	7,4	26	-18	70	0,24
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	5,7	2,3	-2,1	6,7	0,30
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,6	4,8	-3,6	-7,6	0,5	0,09
Labour force participation rate	2,2	3,7	-3,2	-8,4	2,1	0,24

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Northern Cape						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,9	3,3	5	-27	37	0,77
Employed	6,2	4,7	-1	-26	25	0,96
Unemployed	5,0	3,0	5	-4	15	0,26
Not economically active	5,7	3,9	-3	-35	29	0,87
Discouraged work-seekers	7,5	6,9	22	8	35	0,00
Other (not economically active)	5,8	5,1	-24	-52	4	0,09
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,8	4,7	1,0	-0,5	2,4	0,20
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,2	4,7	-0,2	-3,4	3,0	0,91
Labour force participation rate	4,9	3,3	0,5	-3,6	4,5	0,83
Free State						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	1,5	31	5	58	0,02
Employed	2,5	2,8	-3	-41	34	0,86
Unemployed	7,0	6,4	35	-3	72	0,07
Not economically active	3,2	2,8	-29	-56	-3	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	9,3	16,9	-14	-42	14	0,32
Other (not economically active)	3,0	2,5	-15	-43	13	0,29
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,9	5,6	2,0	-1,0	4,9	0,19
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,8	-0,2	-2,2	1,7	0,82
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,5	1,6	0,2	3,0	0,03

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	1,8	22	-1	45	0,06
Employed	3,4	3,4	0	-21	20	0,98
Unemployed	7,6	8,3	22	2	43	0,03
Not economically active	2,9	2,9	-23	-46	1	0,06
Discouraged work-seekers	10,4	20,8	-20	-47	7	0,14
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,9	-3	-25	20	0,80
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,7	7,1	1,7	-0,3	3,8	0,09
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,4	0,0	-1,5	1,5	1,00
Labour force participation rate	1,9	1,8	1,7	-0,1	3,4	0,06
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,3	2,9	9	-3	22	0,15
Employed	3,3	4,8	-3	-34	28	0,84
Unemployed	15,3	8,4	12	-20	44	0,45
Not economically active	9,4	6,7	-6	-19	6	0,32
Discouraged work-seekers	19,0	26,8	6	-3	14	0,17
Other (not economically active)	9,0	5,2	-12	-29	4	0,15
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,9	8,0	2,5	-5,8	10,7	0,56
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,3	4,8	-0,8	-6,4	4,8	0,77
Labour force participation rate	4,3	2,9	1,3	-1,0	3,6	0,26

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
KwaZulu-Natal										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	1,8	1,5	-91	-205	22	0,12				
Employed	2,0	1,7	-50	-123	24	0,19				
Unemployed	6,5	5,5	-42	-158	75	0,48				
Not economically active	1,8	1,4	118	4	232	0,04				
Discouraged work-seekers	8,3	6,7	60	-44	163	0,26				
Other (not economically active)	1,9	1,9	58	-28	145	0,19				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,6	4,7	-0,5	-3,2	2,2	0,70				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	1,7	-0,8	-1,9	0,2	0,11				
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,5	-1,5	-3,1	0,1	0,07				
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	2,9	2,5	-91	-198	16	0,10				
Employed	3,0	2,7	-31	-83	21	0,24				
Unemployed	9,4	8,4	-60	-167	46	0,27				
Not economically active	2,3	1,8	111	3	218	0,04				
Discouraged work-seekers	10,0	7,4	104	4	204	0,04				
Other (not economically active)	2,4	2,5	6	-72	85	0,87				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	7,7	7,1	-1,7	-5,8	2,3	0,40				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,7	-0,8	-1,9	0,3	0,16				
Labour force participation rate	2,9	2,5	-2,2	-4,5	0,2	0,07				

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,1	0	-39	38	0,99
Employed	2,3	1,6	-19	-71	33	0,48
Unemployed	7,0	5,0	18	-30	67	0,46
Not economically active	2,4	1,8	7	-32	46	0,72
Discouraged work-seekers	6,3	13,6	-45	-70	-20	0,00
Other (not economically active)	3,0	2,0	52	13	90	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,8	4,6	1,2	-1,9	4,4	0,44
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	1,6	-0,9	-3,0	1,2	0,40
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,1	-0,2	-1,8	1,4	0,82
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,1	3,2	-6	-72	59	0,85
Employed	3,6	3,7	-3	-52	47	0,92
Unemployed	6,3	7,7	-4	-47	39	0,86
Not economically active	3,3	3,3	17	-48	82	0,61
Discouraged work-seekers	7,9	11,2	26	-48	99	0,49
Other (not economically active)	3,7	3,8	-9	-67	50	0,77
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	6,6	-0,2	-2,8	2,4	0,90
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,6	3,7	-0,3	-2,2	1,7	0,80
Labour force participation rate	3,1	3,2	-0,5	-3,0	2,1	0,72

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,8	0,8	-13	-112	87	0,80
Employed	1,2	1,2	-2	-102	99	0,98
Unemployed	3,2	2,3	-11	-102	80	0,81
Not economically active	2,0	1,9	62	-37	162	0,22
Discouraged work-seekers	8,2	9,0	-11	-57	34	0,62
Other (not economically active)	1,8	2,1	74	-21	168	0,13
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,9	2,2	-0,1	-1,2	1,0	0,86
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,2	1,2	-0,3	-1,2	0,7	0,61
Labour force participation rate	0,8	0,8	-0,5	-1,4	0,5	0,35
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,9	3,2	7	-27	41	0,69
Employed	3,1	4,7	-10	-58	38	0,69
Unemployed	7,5	9,4	17	-7	40	0,16
Not economically active	4,4	4,8	-4	-39	30	0,80
Discouraged work-seekers	11,0	14,8	-22	-49	6	0,12
Other (not economically active)	4,4	7,6	17	-31	66	0,49
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,2	8,8	1,8	-1,7	5,3	0,30
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,1	4,7	-0,8	-4,4	2,7	0,65
Labour force participation rate	2,9	3,2	0,4	-2,2	3,0	0,76

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,4	1,5	10	-46	67	0,72
Employed	1,9	1,9	26	-12	65	0,17
Unemployed	5,5	4,1	-16	-65	33	0,52
Not economically active	3,6	3,8	-1	-58	55	0,96
Discouraged work-seekers	17,7	13,3	15	-6	36	0,16
Other (not economically active)	3,4	4,0	-17	-60	27	0,45
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,7	3,5	-1,0	-3,1	1,0	0,32
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,9	0,9	-0,6	2,3	0,26
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,5	0,2	-2,1	2,4	0,89
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,3	1,0	3	-45	51	0,90
Employed	2,3	1,8	-21	-82	40	0,49
Unemployed	5,1	2,6	24	-38	86	0,45
Not economically active	4,0	3,0	21	-27	69	0,39
Discouraged work-seekers	19,1	21,5	-13	-31	4	0,14
Other (not economically active)	3,6	3,2	34	-9	78	0,12
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	2,7	0,8	-1,2	2,9	0,43
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,3	1,8	-0,9	-2,5	0,7	0,28
Labour force participation rate	1,3	1,0	-0,4	-1,6	0,9	0,54

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	2,2	-33	-99	33	0,33
Employed	2,5	3,0	3	-50	56	0,91
Unemployed	8,3	6,6	-36	-76	4	0,08
Not economically active	4,0	4,8	47	-19	113	0,16
Discouraged work-seekers	21,9	24,3	9	-14	32	0,46
Other (not economically active)	2,7	4,3	39	-22	99	0,21
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,3	6,0	-1,5	-3,4	0,3	0,10
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	3,0	-0,2	-2,3	1,9	0,87
Labour force participation rate	1,7	2,2	-1,7	-4,3	0,9	0,20
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,6	2,4	4	-26	34	0,78
Employed	3,0	3,4	-36	-78	5	0,09
Unemployed	6,5	6,5	40	13	68	0,00
Not economically active	4,3	4,0	7	-23	37	0,65
Discouraged work-seekers	13,0	12,3	-13	-41	14	0,34
Other (not economically active)	3,8	3,2	20	-16	57	0,28
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,3	5,6	2,1	0,5	3,7	0,01
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	3,4	-1,4	-2,8	0,0	0,05
Labour force participation rate	2,6	2,4	-0,1	-1,1	0,9	0,86

Table 2.3A: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (concluded)

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	2,0	-50	-104	4	0,07
Employed	2,0	2,1	-75	-126	-24	0,00
Unemployed	10,1	7,8	25	-15	66	0,22
Not economically active	1,9	1,7	62	8	116	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	6,4	5,4	80	10	150	0,03
Other (not economically active)	2,2	1,4	-18	-82	45	0,57
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,9	6,9	2,0	-0,2	4,1	0,07
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	2,1	-2,1	-3,5	-0,8	0,00
Labour force participation rate	2,1	2,0	-1,5	-2,9	0,0	0,05

Table 3.1A: Sampling variability for the employed by industry and sex

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Both sexes	0,7	0,6	-237	-422	-53	0,01
Agriculture	4,7	4,5	-12	-68	44	0,67
Mining	7,1	6,6	-20	-53	13	0,23
Manufacturing	2,9	2,8	14	-70	98	0,74
Utilities	12,1	10,8	16	-8	40	0,18
Construction	3,0	3,3	-142	-222	-63	0,00
Trade	2,1	1,8	25	-94	144	0,68
Transport	3,6	3,8	59	-9	127	0,09
Finance	2,2	2,1	-94	-191	3	0,06
Community and social services	1,8	1,8	-50	-162	62	0,38
Private households	2,7	2,9	-31	-92	30	0,31
Women	1,0	1,0	-58	-182	67	0,36
Agriculture	8,3	7,0	-7	-42	28	0,69
Mining	14,6	14,9	-4	-18	9	0,53
Manufacturing	5,0	4,4	33	-22	87	0,24
Utilities	21,1	17,4	8	-4	20	0,20
Construction	8,8	8,8	2	-25	28	0,91
Trade	2,9	2,6	21	-61	103	0,61
Transport	7,7	7,7	19	-6	45	0,14
Finance	3,1	3,2	-83	-147	-20	0,01
Community and social services	2,1	2,3	-17	-104	71	0,71
Private households	2,8	3,3	-27	-78	24	0,30
Men	0,8	0,7	-180	-299	-60	0,00
Agriculture	4,8	4,9	-5	-48	38	0,81
Mining	7,5	7,3	-16	-45	14	0,29
Manufacturing	3,2	3,2	-19	-83	45	0,57
Utilities	12,9	11,9	8	-11	28	0,39
Construction	3,1	3,5	-144	-217	-71	0,00
Trade	2,6	2,4	4	-79	86	0,93
Transport	3,9	4,3	40	-21	100	0,20
Finance	2,8	2,6	-11	-82	60	0,76
Community and social services	2,6	2,5	-33	-96	29	0,30
Private households	6,1	5,6	-4	-38	30	0,82

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
South Africa	0,7	0,6	-237	-422	-53	0,01
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,0	1,0	-126	-298	46	0,15
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,2	-68	-178	41	0,22
Agriculture	4,7	4,5	-12	-68	44	0,67
Private households	2,7	2,9	-31	-92	30	0,31
Western Cape	1,7	1,4	-1	-76	75	0,98
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,4	1,9	2	-60	64	0,95
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,3	5,7	-6	-42	29	0,72
Agriculture	8,1	7,3	13	-16	42	0,39
Private households	9,4	9,9	-9	-26	8	0,30
Western Cape – Non-metro	3,1	2,6	13	-49	75	0,69
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,1	4,0	21	-31	72	0,43
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	10,0	8,4	-20	-50	9	0,18
Agriculture	7,8	7,1	19	-9	46	0,19
Private households	13,8	14,7	-6	-14	1	0,08
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	2,0	1,5	-13	-57	31	0,55
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,7	2,2	-18	-56	19	0,34
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,9	7,3	14	-7	34	0,19
Agriculture	36,7	36,1	-6	-13	1	0,10
Private households	13,7	13,5	-3	-20	14	0,76
Eastern Cape	2,5	2,4	-67	-127	-8	0,03
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,5	3,8	-72	-120	-24	0,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,8	5,8	9	-37	56	0,69
Agriculture	14,3	15,6	7	-10	23	0,43
Private households	8,0	9,9	-11	-35	12	0,34
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,6	3,6	-46	-90	-3	0,04
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,0	5,4	-29	-68	9	0,14
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,5	7,1	-10	-40	20	0,50
Agriculture	15,4	17,6	4	-12	19	0,65
Private households	10,9	13,7	-10	-27	6	0,20

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	7,5	2,9	7	-18	32	0,59
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	10,1	7,3	-3	-19	12	0,69
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	16,5	11,8	8	-4	21	0,18
Agriculture	76,8	61,3	1	-1	3	0,45
Private households	12,1	27,8	1	-12	13	0,92
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	2,6	4,8	-28	-61	5	0,10
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	5,2	7,1	-40	-65	-15	0,00
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	27,2	15,5	11	-22	45	0,51
Agriculture	43,5	11,5	2	-3	7	0,43
Private households	17,2	14,3	-1	-14	11	0,81
Northern Cape	6,2	4,7	-1	-26	25	0,96
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	8,1	7,5	0	-17	17	0,97
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	21,7	14,0	2	-13	17	0,77
Agriculture	13,1	10,6	1	-4	7	0,60
Private households	11,4	20,6	-5	-13	4	0,27
Free State	2,5	2,8	-3	-41	34	0,86
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,8	4,1	-31	-82	19	0,22
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,9	6,0	9	-12	31	0,39
Agriculture	10,7	13,7	3	-10	15	0,66
Private households	10,9	8,7	16	1	31	0,04
Free State – Non-metro	3,4	3,4	0	-21	20	0,98
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,3	5,3	-20	-51	11	0,20
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,8	8,5	8	-6	22	0,24
Agriculture	11,0	14,4	1	-12	13	0,93
Private households	14,0	10,6	11	-1	23	0,08
Free State – Mangaung	3,3	4,8	-3	-34	28	0,84
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	6,3	-12	-52	29	0,57
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	15,4	5,4	1	-15	17	0,90
Agriculture	7,3	33,9	2	-1	5	0,11
Private households	11,3	15,0	5	-4	15	0,29

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
KwaZulu-Natal	2,0	1,7	-50	-123	24	0,19
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,8	2,5	-9	-79	61	0,81
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,4	6,4	-33	-69	3	0,07
Agriculture	19,0	19,0	-1	-26	23	0,91
Private households	6,4	7,7	-6	-27	15	0,56
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,0	2,7	-31	-83	21	0,24
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	4,3	5	-48	58	0,86
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,1	8,4	-28	-57	2	0,06
Agriculture	19,8	19,7	-2	-26	23	0,90
Private households	10,9	11,9	-7	-23	9	0,41
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini	2,3	1,6	-19	-71	33	0,48
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,7	2,7	-14	-59	32	0,55
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	10,3	9,4	-6	-26	15	0,59
Agriculture	22,2	49,1	0	-4	4	0,97
Private households	6,2	9,6	0	-14	14	0,95
North West	3,6	3,7	-3	-52	47	0,92
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,2	4,7	-27	-76	23	0,29
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,4	6,2	25	2	49	0,04
Agriculture	11,1	13,3	0	-16	15	0,95
Private households	13,8	11,0	-1	-16	15	0,93
Gauteng	1,2	1,2	-2	-102	99	0,98
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,9	1,9	42	-55	139	0,39
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	3,8	3,6	-35	-86	16	0,18
Agriculture	33,9	28,9	0	-22	22	0,97
Private households	5,1	5,5	-9	-46	27	0,62
Gauteng – Non-metro	3,1	4,7	-10	-58	38	0,69
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,3	7,6	10	-35	55	0,65
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,7	7,0	-21	-44	1	0,06
Agriculture	32,9	47,9	2	-15	20	0,81
Private households	15,2	10,4	-1	-12	10	0,85

Table 3.4A: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (concluded)

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	1,9	1,9	26	-12	65	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,4	2,8	25	-17	67	0,24
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,0	7,9	2	-19	24	0,83
Agriculture	36,3	25,8	2	-2	6	0,24
Private households	9,7	14,0	-3	-16	9	0,60
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	2,3	1,8	-21	-82	40	0,49
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,6	2,9	-26	-71	18	0,25
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,0	5,0	6	-29	40	0,75
Agriculture	69,9	78,7	1	-5	7	0,72
Private households	7,1	8,7	-1	-31	28	0,93
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	2,5	3,0	3	-50	56	0,91
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	4,6	33	-26	92	0,27
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,4	10,9	-22	-42	-1	0,04
Agriculture	82,6	66,2	-5	-17	6	0,37
Private households	12,4	10,1	-3	-16	9	0,59
Mpumalanga	3,0	3,4	-36	-78	5	0,09
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,2	3,2	-10	-45	25	0,58
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	8,8	10,4	-1	-29	28	0,97
Agriculture	12,4	7,8	-20	-37	-3	0,02
Private households	6,4	7,9	-5	-18	7	0,41
Limpopo	2,0	2,1	-75	-126	-24	0,00
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	3,8	-21	-70	27	0,39
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,3	5,6	-40	-90	11	0,12
Agriculture	9,6	8,0	-14	-31	3	0,11
Private households	10,6	10,2	0	-19	19	0,98

Table 3.5A: Sampling variability for the employed by sex and occupation

	Coefficient of variation		Qtr-to-qtr change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Both sexes	0,7	0,6	-237	-422	-53	0,01
Manager	3,0	3,0	18	-51	88	0,61
Professional	4,6	4,6	5	-73	83	0,89
Technician	3,1	2,7	-26	-104	52	0,51
Clerk	2,3	2,7	-26	-100	49	0,50
Sales and services	2,1	2,2	-20	-132	92	0,73
Skilled agriculture	16,3	15,0	-19	-39	1	0,07
Craft and related trade	2,2	2,5	-101	-191	-11	0,03
Plant and machine operator	3,0	2,9	-14	-92	64	0,73
Elementary	1,8	1,7	-44	-165	77	0,48
Domestic worker	2,8	3,3	-15	-68	38	0,57
Women	1,0	1,0	-58	-182	67	0,36
Manager	5,1	5,3	-13	-56	30	0,55
Professional	6,1	5,3	8	-46	61	0,77
Technician	4,0	3,6	-5	-59	50	0,87
Clerk	2,5	3,1	-5	-68	57	0,87
Sales and services	2,8	2,9	-33	-108	41	0,38
Skilled agriculture	28,1	34,5	-8	-15	0	0,05
Craft and related trade	6,7	6,7	27	-3	58	0,08
Plant and machine operator	7,6	7,4	9	-17	36	0,49
Elementary	2,4	2,5	-17	-92	58	0,66
Domestic worker	2,9	3,3	-23	-73	27	0,37
Men	0,8	0,7	-180	-299	-60	0,00
Manager	3,0	3,1	31	-21	84	0,24
Professional	4,9	5,9	-2	-44	39	0,91
Technician	4,1	4,0	-21	-75	32	0,44
Clerk	4,5	4,9	-20	-69	28	0,41
Sales and services	2,7	2,8	13	-58	84	0,72
Skilled agriculture	17,9	16,1	-11	-29	7	0,23
Craft and related trade	2,4	2,7	-129	-216	-41	0,00
Plant and machine operator	3,3	3,0	-23	-96	49	0,53
Elementary	2,3	2,3	-27	-121	67	0,58
Domestic worker	15,5	16,3	8	-7	23	0,31

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
Both sexes										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,5	0,5	134	-152	420	0,36				
Employed	0,7	0,6	-86	-362	190	0,54				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,0	1,0	-135	-395	126	0,31				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,1	2,2	32	-142	206	0,72				
Agriculture	3,8	4,5	-9	-99	80	0,84				
Private households	2,4	2,9	26	-68	120	0,59				
Unemployed	1,8	1,6	220	-31	472	0,09				
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	470	184	756	0,00				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,4	3,2	210	-39	459	0,10				
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,7	260	15	506	0,04				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,4	0,8	-0,2	1,8	0,11				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,6	-0,9	-1,6	-0,2	0,01				
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,6	-1,3	0,2	0,13				
Women										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,7	0,7	36	-156	228	0,71				
Employed	0,8	1,0	-30	-207	147	0,74				
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,3	1,4	-80	-243	84	0,34				
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,9	3,0	35	-63	132	0,49				
Agriculture	8,4	7,0	-7	-61	47	0,79				
Private households	2,7	3,3	22	-58	102	0,59				
Unemployed	2,0	2,3	66	-98	230	0,43				
Not economically active	0,8	0,8	254	63	446	0,01				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,7	3,5	62	-87	212	0,41				
Other (not economically active)	0,9	0,9	192	11	373	0,04				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,7	2,0	0,6	-0,9	2,0	0,45				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	1,0	-0,7	-1,7	0,2	0,12				
Labour force participation rate	0,7	0,7	-0,6	-1,6	0,4	0,23				

Table 2B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by sex (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Men						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,6	0,5	98	-82	279	0,28
Employed	0,9	0,7	-56	-243	132	0,56
Formal sector (non-agriculture)	1,2	1,1	-55	-236	126	0,55
Informal sector (non-agriculture)	2,5	2,7	-3	-133	128	0,97
Agriculture	4,2	4,9	-2	-69	65	0,95
Private households	5,6	5,6	4	-40	48	0,86
Unemployed	2,4	1,9	154	-23	331	0,09
Not economically active	1,1	1,0	216	36	396	0,02
Discouraged work-seekers	4,3	4,1	148	1	295	0,05
Other (not economically active)	1,2	1,1	68	-84	220	0,38
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,2	1,7	1,1	-0,3	2,4	0,12
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,9	0,7	-1,1	-2,1	-0,1	0,03
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	-0,6	-1,5	0,4	0,25

Table 2.1B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
South Africa										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,5	0,5	134	-152	420	0,36				
Employed	0,7	0,6	-86	-362	190	0,54				
Unemployed	1,8	1,6	220	-31	472	0,09				
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	470	184	756	0,00				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,4	0,8	-0,2	1,8	0,11				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,6	-0,9	-1,6	-0,2	0,01				
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,6	-1,3	0,2	0,13				
Black/African										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,6	0,5	233	-35	500	0,09				
Employed	0,8	0,7	-22	-268	224	0,86				
Unemployed	1,9	1,7	255	23	486	0,03				
Not economically active	0,8	0,7	362	94	630	0,01				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,5	1,0	-0,1	2,2	0,07				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,8	0,7	-0,9	-1,7	0,0	0,04				
Labour force participation rate	0,6	0,5	-0,4	-1,2	0,5	0,42				
Coloured										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,8	1,5	-40	-114	35	0,30				
Employed	1,9	1,7	-19	-96	58	0,62				
Unemployed	6,3	6,0	-20	-90	49	0,56				
Not economically active	1,5	2,5	74	0	149	0,05				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	6,2	5,4	-0,5	-3,4	2,4	0,73				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,7	-1,1	-3,3	1,2	0,35				
Labour force participation rate	0,8	1,5	-1,8	-4,0	0,4	0,10				

Table 2.1B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by population group (concluded)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Indian/Asian						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,9	2,7	-10	-54	34	0,65
Employed	2,8	3,6	-6	-52	40	0,78
Unemployed	15,3	15,6	-4	-30	23	0,78
Not economically active	4,4	3,8	19	-25	63	0,40
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	14,0	15,8	-0,4	-4,8	3,9	0,85
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,8	3,6	-1,1	-5,7	3,5	0,64
Labour force participation rate	2,9	2,7	-1,5	-5,9	2,9	0,50
White						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,0	1,6	-49	-136	38	0,27
Employed	2,2	1,8	-39	-136	58	0,43
Unemployed	11,2	11,5	-10	-54	33	0,65
Not economically active	4,2	3,2	15	-72	102	0,73
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	11,2	11,4	-0,3	-2,5	1,8	0,76
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	1,8	-0,6	-3,8	2,7	0,72
Labour force participation rate	2,0	1,6	-0,9	-3,8	2,0	0,56

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
South Africa										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	0,5	0,5	134	-152	420	0,36				
Employed	0,7	0,6	-86	-362	190	0,54				
Unemployed	1,8	1,6	220	-31	472	0,09				
Not economically active	0,7	0,7	470	184	756	0,00				
Discouraged work-seekers	3,4	3,2	210	-39	459	0,10				
Other (not economically active)	0,8	0,7	260	15	506	0,04				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	1,6	1,4	0,8	-0,2	1,8	0,11				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	0,7	0,6	-0,9	-1,6	-0,2	0,01				
Labour force participation rate	0,5	0,5	-0,6	-1,3	0,2	0,13				
Western Cape										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	1,1	1,1	-20	-105	64	0,64				
Employed	1,4	1,4	-10	-92	72	0,81				
Unemployed	5,7	5,0	-10	-80	59	0,77				
Not economically active	2,4	2,4	111	27	195	0,01				
Discouraged work-seekers	12,3	27,6	11	-35	57	0,65				
Other (not economically active)	2,5	2,1	100	23	178	0,01				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,3	4,5	-0,2	-2,2	1,8	0,85				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	1,4	-1,3	-3,1	0,5	0,15				
Labour force participation rate	1,1	1,1	-1,8	-3,7	0,0	0,06				

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Western Cape – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,6	2,0	19	-29	66	0,44
Employed	2,4	2,6	-4	-58	50	0,88
Unemployed	12,4	11,3	23	-11	57	0,18
Not economically active	3,3	4,0	17	-31	64	0,50
Discouraged work-seekers	14,1	38,0	1	-42	45	0,96
Other (not economically active)	3,9	2,7	15	-25	55	0,45
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	12,0	10,8	1,8	-1,2	4,8	0,24
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	2,6	-1,5	-4,7	1,8	0,38
Labour force participation rate	1,6	2,0	-0,3	-3,2	2,6	0,84
Western Cape – City of Cape Town						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,4	1,4	-39	-105	27	0,24
Employed	1,7	1,5	-6	-65	54	0,85
Unemployed	6,4	5,0	-33	-95	28	0,29
Not economically active	3,5	2,9	95	29	160	0,01
Discouraged work-seekers	25,7	29,3	9	-4	23	0,18
Other (not economically active)	3,5	3,0	85	19	151	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,7	4,4	-1,2	-3,9	1,5	0,37
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	1,5	-1,2	-3,3	0,8	0,23
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,4	-2,7	-4,9	-0,4	0,02

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
Eastern Cape										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	1,8	2,0	-80	-187	28	0,14				
Employed	2,5	2,4	-90	-184	5	0,06				
Unemployed	4,1	4,5	10	-66	86	0,80				
Not economically active	1,9	1,9	129	22	236	0,02				
Discouraged work-seekers	9,6	8,0	26	-48	100	0,48				
Other (not economically active)	2,6	2,7	102	-20	225	0,10				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	3,5	3,5	1,8	-1,2	4,9	0,24				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,5	2,4	-2,5	-4,7	-0,3	0,03				
Labour force participation rate	1,8	2,0	-2,5	-5,0	0,1	0,06				
Eastern Cape – Non-metro										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	2,9	2,9	-47	-142	47	0,33				
Employed	3,7	3,6	-72	-155	11	0,09				
Unemployed	6,7	6,5	25	-44	93	0,48				
Not economically active	2,3	2,1	78	-16	173	0,11				
Discouraged work-seekers	10,0	7,8	14	-49	77	0,66				
Other (not economically active)	3,3	2,9	64	-47	175	0,26				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,4	4,9	3,4	-1,2	8,1	0,15				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,7	3,6	-2,7	-5,6	0,1	0,06				
Labour force participation rate	2,9	2,9	-2,1	-5,3	1,2	0,21				

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,2	2,7	-25	-52	1	0,06
Employed	4,8	2,9	-3	-29	23	0,83
Unemployed	4,3	6,2	-22	-35	-9	0,00
Not economically active	6,9	4,5	31	5	57	0,02
Discouraged work-seekers	35,2	38,4	12	-26	50	0,52
Other (not economically active)	4,2	11,6	19	-7	45	0,15
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,1	5,1	-4,5	-8,6	-0,5	0,03
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,8	2,9	-1,1	-6,2	4,0	0,67
Labour force participation rate	3,2	2,7	-5,7	-10,8	-0,6	0,03
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,1	3,7	-7	-54	40	0,76
Employed	4,3	4,8	-15	-53	24	0,45
Unemployed	2,4	7,2	8	-25	40	0,64
Not economically active	4,5	7,3	19	-28	66	0,42
Discouraged work-seekers	94,2	94,9	0	-1	1	0,86
Other (not economically active)	4,7	7,4	19	-27	66	0,42
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,2	5,7	1,9	-2,9	6,7	0,44
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,3	4,8	-2,5	-7,2	2,3	0,31
Labour force participation rate	2,1	3,7	-1,9	-7,6	3,8	0,52

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
Northern Cape										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	3,4	3,3	-21	-50	7	0,14				
Employed	6,4	4,7	0	-28	28	0,99				
Unemployed	9,3	3,0	-22	-45	2	0,07				
Not economically active	4,5	3,9	30	1	59	0,04				
Discouraged work-seekers	12,2	6,9	29	17	41	0,00				
Other (not economically active)	4,9	5,1	1	-26	28	0,95				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	10,2	4,7	-3,5	-8,2	1,1	0,13				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	6,4	4,7	-0,4	-4,0	3,1	0,82				
Labour force participation rate	3,4	3,3	-3,3	-6,9	0,3	0,07				
Free State										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	1,6	1,5	22	-11	55	0,19				
Employed	2,9	2,8	-11	-59	36	0,64				
Unemployed	7,5	6,4	34	-22	90	0,24				
Not economically active	2,9	2,8	-13	-46	20	0,43				
Discouraged work-seekers	13,4	16,9	9	-22	40	0,56				
Other (not economically active)	3,2	2,5	-22	-58	13	0,22				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	6,6	5,6	2,1	-2,1	6,3	0,32				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	2,8	-0,8	-3,3	1,7	0,53				
Labour force participation rate	1,6	1,5	0,9	-0,9	2,6	0,33				

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Free State – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,4	1,8	6	-24	36	0,71
Employed	3,9	3,4	-14	-53	25	0,48
Unemployed	9,1	8,3	20	-25	64	0,39
Not economically active	2,3	2,9	-8	-38	22	0,62
Discouraged work-seekers	14,1	20,8	-3	-31	25	0,85
Other (not economically active)	1,9	2,9	-5	-32	22	0,73
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	8,4	7,1	2,1	-2,7	6,9	0,39
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,9	3,4	-1,0	-3,9	1,9	0,50
Labour force participation rate	1,4	1,8	0,5	-1,7	2,7	0,65
Free State – Mangaung						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	4,3	2,9	16	3	30	0,02
Employed	3,8	4,8	3	-24	29	0,85
Unemployed	13,0	8,4	14	-20	47	0,42
Not economically active	9,3	6,7	-6	-19	8	0,41
Discouraged work-seekers	41,8	26,8	12	-1	25	0,08
Other (not economically active)	10,7	5,2	-17	-40	5	0,14
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	10,0	8,0	2,3	-6,0	10,6	0,58
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,8	4,8	-0,5	-5,4	4,4	0,85
Labour force participation rate	4,3	2,9	1,6	-0,9	4,2	0,21

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value				
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019								
KwaZulu-Natal										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	1,8	1,5	102	-30	233	0,13				
Employed	1,9	1,7	-19	-122	85	0,72				
Unemployed	6,2	5,5	121	31	210	0,01				
Not economically active	1,7	1,4	6	-126	137	0,93				
Discouraged work-seekers	7,5	6,7	-27	-159	106	0,69				
Other (not economically active)	1,8	1,9	32	-90	155	0,60				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	5,4	4,7	2,8	0,7	5,0	0,01				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,9	1,7	-0,8	-2,3	0,6	0,27				
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,5	0,7	-1,2	2,6	0,46				
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro										
Population 15–64 yrs										
Labour force	2,8	2,5	108	-10	226	0,07				
Employed	3,0	2,7	26	-60	112	0,55				
Unemployed	8,8	8,4	82	10	153	0,03				
Not economically active	1,9	1,8	-28	-147	90	0,64				
Discouraged work-seekers	8,3	7,4	-14	-141	112	0,82				
Other (not economically active)	2,2	2,5	-14	-121	93	0,80				
Rates (%)										
Unemployment rate	7,4	7,1	2,9	0,0	5,7	0,05				
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,0	2,7	0,0	-1,8	1,9	0,97				
Labour force participation rate	2,8	2,5	1,6	-0,9	4,2	0,21				

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekweni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,8	1,1	-6	-62	49	0,83
Employed	2,2	1,6	-45	-102	12	0,12
Unemployed	8,3	5,0	39	-14	92	0,15
Not economically active	3,1	1,8	34	-22	90	0,23
Discouraged work-seekers	15,3	13,6	-13	-52	27	0,53
Other (not economically active)	3,1	2,0	46	-15	108	0,14
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,6	4,6	2,7	-0,6	5,9	0,11
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,2	1,6	-2,4	-4,8	-0,1	0,05
Labour force participation rate	1,8	1,1	-1,0	-3,3	1,3	0,41
North West						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,7	3,2	-20	-123	83	0,70
Employed	3,4	3,7	-22	-99	54	0,57
Unemployed	7,5	7,7	2	-72	77	0,96
Not economically active	3,0	3,3	63	-40	167	0,23
Discouraged work-seekers	8,9	11,2	43	-66	152	0,44
Other (not economically active)	4,1	3,8	20	-83	124	0,70
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,8	6,6	0,6	-3,9	5,1	0,81
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,4	3,7	-1,5	-4,5	1,5	0,32
Labour force participation rate	2,7	3,2	-1,7	-5,7	2,4	0,42

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	0,9	0,8	166	7	325	0,04
Employed	1,4	1,2	93	-106	292	0,36
Unemployed	2,9	2,3	73	-64	210	0,30
Not economically active	2,0	1,9	35	-124	194	0,67
Discouraged work-seekers	7,8	9,0	-32	-125	61	0,50
Other (not economically active)	1,7	2,1	67	-65	198	0,32
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	2,7	2,2	0,4	-1,6	2,3	0,72
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,4	1,2	-0,1	-2,0	1,9	0,94
Labour force participation rate	0,9	0,8	0,2	-1,3	1,8	0,76
Gauteng – Non-metro						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	3,5	3,2	-26	-101	50	0,50
Employed	4,6	4,7	-24	-112	64	0,59
Unemployed	8,1	9,4	-2	-42	38	0,92
Not economically active	5,8	4,8	37	-39	112	0,34
Discouraged work-seekers	13,3	14,8	21	-30	72	0,42
Other (not economically active)	5,1	7,6	16	-54	86	0,66
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	7,5	8,8	0,6	-5,0	6,3	0,82
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	4,6	4,7	-2,1	-8,7	4,4	0,52
Labour force participation rate	3,5	3,2	-2,4	-8,1	3,2	0,40

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,5	1,5	39	-22	99	0,21
Employed	3,1	1,9	42	-47	131	0,36
Unemployed	4,4	4,1	-3	-52	46	0,90
Not economically active	3,8	3,8	-2	-63	59	0,94
Discouraged work-seekers	12,9	13,3	30	1	59	0,04
Other (not economically active)	3,9	4,0	-32	-96	31	0,32
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,8	3,5	-0,8	-4,0	2,4	0,62
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	3,1	1,9	0,9	-2,6	4,4	0,61
Labour force participation rate	1,5	1,5	0,5	-1,9	2,9	0,69
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,2	1,0	51	-39	142	0,27
Employed	2,0	1,8	7	-125	140	0,91
Unemployed	5,1	2,6	44	-50	138	0,36
Not economically active	3,7	3,0	45	-46	135	0,33
Discouraged work-seekers	22,1	21,5	-26	-76	24	0,32
Other (not economically active)	2,6	3,2	70	5	135	0,03
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,7	2,7	1,0	-2,5	4,5	0,57
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,0	1,8	-1,1	-4,6	2,4	0,52
Labour force participation rate	1,2	1,0	-0,5	-2,9	1,9	0,66

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (continued)						
	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng – City of Tshwane						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,9	2,2	102	-2	205	0,05
Employed	2,4	3,0	68	-28	163	0,17
Unemployed	6,2	6,6	34	-42	111	0,38
Not economically active	3,7	4,8	-45	-148	59	0,40
Discouraged work-seekers	13,5	24,3	-57	-115	1	0,05
Other (not economically active)	3,4	4,3	13	-64	89	0,75
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	5,5	6,0	0,4	-3,6	4,5	0,83
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,4	3,0	1,6	-2,2	5,4	0,42
Labour force participation rate	1,9	2,2	2,5	-1,6	6,6	0,23
Mpumalanga						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	1,7	2,4	67	-39	172	0,21
Employed	2,9	3,4	12	-100	125	0,83
Unemployed	5,2	6,5	54	-45	154	0,28
Not economically active	2,8	4,0	-21	-126	85	0,70
Discouraged work-seekers	9,4	12,3	-63	-126	0	0,05
Other (not economically active)	3,0	3,2	42	-33	118	0,27
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	4,9	5,6	1,8	-3,3	6,8	0,49
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	2,9	3,4	-0,2	-4,1	3,6	0,91
Labour force participation rate	1,7	2,4	1,3	-2,3	4,9	0,48

Table 2.3B: Sampling variability for labour force characteristics by province (concluded)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Limpopo						
Population 15–64 yrs						
Labour force	2,2	2,0	-80	-196	35	0,17
Employed	1,7	2,1	-39	-112	33	0,29
Unemployed	7,6	7,8	-41	-122	39	0,31
Not economically active	2,0	1,7	131	15	246	0,03
Discouraged work-seekers	8,8	5,4	214	105	322	0,00
Other (not economically active)	1,8	1,4	-83	-143	-23	0,01
Rates (%)						
Unemployment rate	6,1	6,9	-1,5	-5,2	2,2	0,43
Employed/population ratio (absorption)	1,7	2,1	-1,6	-3,5	0,4	0,12
Labour force participation rate	2,2	2,0	-2,8	-5,9	0,3	0,08

Table 3.1B: Sampling variability for the employed by industry and sex

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Both sexes	0,7	0,6	-86	-362	190	0,54
Agriculture	3,8	4,5	-9	-99	80	0,84
Mining	7,6	6,6	20	-59	100	0,61
Manufacturing	3,1	2,8	-69	-210	72	0,34
Utilities	12,9	10,8	7	-41	55	0,78
Construction	3,0	3,3	-92	-208	25	0,12
Trade	2,0	1,8	69	-113	250	0,46
Transport	3,3	3,8	64	-36	165	0,21
Finance	2,2	2,1	114	-21	249	0,10
Community and social services	1,7	1,8	-211	-375	-47	0,01
Private households	2,4	2,9	26	-68	120	0,59
Women	0,8	1,0	-30	-207	147	0,74
Agriculture	8,4	7,0	-7	-61	47	0,79
Mining	16,7	14,9	20	1	40	0,04
Manufacturing	4,9	4,4	2	-78	82	0,96
Utilities	20,6	17,4	9	-11	28	0,39
Construction	8,0	8,8	4	-31	38	0,83
Trade	2,6	2,6	-23	-134	88	0,69
Transport	7,7	7,7	6	-33	46	0,75
Finance	3,0	3,2	32	-54	118	0,46
Community and social services	1,9	2,3	-93	-224	38	0,16
Private households	2,7	3,3	22	-58	102	0,59
Men	0,9	0,7	-56	-243	132	0,56
Agriculture	4,2	4,9	-2	-69	65	0,95
Mining	8,0	7,3	0	-75	76	0,99
Manufacturing	3,3	3,2	-71	-177	35	0,19
Utilities	13,9	11,9	-2	-42	38	0,93
Construction	3,2	3,5	-96	-206	15	0,09
Trade	2,7	2,4	91	-43	226	0,18
Transport	3,7	4,3	58	-34	149	0,22
Finance	3,0	2,6	82	-24	188	0,13
Community and social services	2,9	2,5	-118	-216	-19	0,02
Private households	5,6	5,6	4	-40	48	0,86

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
South Africa	0,7	0,6	-86	-362	190	0,54
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,0	1,0	-135	-395	126	0,31
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	2,2	32	-142	206	0,72
Agriculture	3,8	4,5	-9	-99	80	0,84
Private households	2,4	2,9	26	-68	120	0,59
Western Cape	1,4	1,4	-10	-92	72	0,81
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	1,9	6	-78	90	0,88
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,4	5,7	-8	-63	46	0,76
Agriculture	5,4	7,3	17	-19	54	0,35
Private households	7,5	9,9	-25	-61	10	0,16
Western Cape – Non-metro	2,4	2,6	-4	-58	50	0,88
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,0	4,0	-10	-59	40	0,70
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	18,7	8,4	-6	-48	35	0,76
Agriculture	5,0	7,1	19	-14	52	0,26
Private households	14,8	14,7	-7	-26	13	0,49
Western Cape – City of Cape Town	1,7	1,5	-6	-65	54	0,85
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,7	2,2	16	-53	85	0,65
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,5	7,3	-2	-38	34	0,92
Agriculture	33,3	36,1	-1	-13	10	0,83
Private households	7,9	13,5	-19	-48	11	0,22
Eastern Cape	2,5	2,4	-90	-184	5	0,06
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,1	3,8	-75	-146	-5	0,04
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	5,8	-4	-53	44	0,87
Agriculture	19,2	15,6	-6	-58	45	0,81
Private households	8,5	9,9	-4	-33	24	0,78
Eastern Cape – Non-metro	3,7	3,6	-72	-155	11	0,09
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,6	5,4	-50	-105	6	0,08
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,7	7,1	-18	-57	21	0,37
Agriculture	20,6	17,6	-8	-60	43	0,75
Private households	10,5	13,7	4	-19	27	0,73

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Eastern Cape – Buffalo City	4,8	2,9	-3	-29	23	0,83
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,4	7,3	-8	-34	18	0,56
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	24,4	11,8	6	-18	30	0,61
Agriculture	63,8	61,3	-3	-8	2	0,20
Private households	19,9	27,8	2	-12	16	0,79
Eastern Cape – Nelson Mandela Bay	4,3	4,8	-15	-53	24	0,45
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,4	7,1	-18	-53	17	0,32
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	20,4	15,5	8	-10	25	0,39
Agriculture	101,6	11,5	5	0	10	0,04
Private households	17,2	14,3	-10	-18	-2	0,02
Northern Cape	6,4	4,7	0	-28	28	0,99
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,8	7,5	-7	-42	28	0,68
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	17,2	14,0	11	-7	29	0,22
Agriculture	13,1	10,6	-8	-24	9	0,35
Private households	12,8	20,6	4	-7	16	0,44
Free State	2,9	2,8	-11	-59	36	0,64
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,9	4,1	-12	-59	36	0,63
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,7	6,0	-3	-28	22	0,81
Agriculture	4,9	13,7	-32	-52	-13	0,00
Private households	9,0	8,7	35	18	53	0,00
Free State – Non-metro	3,9	3,4	-14	-53	25	0,48
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,2	5,3	-9	-46	28	0,63
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,0	8,5	-1	-24	22	0,92
Agriculture	4,9	14,4	-35	-54	-16	0,00
Private households	12,1	10,6	32	17	46	0,00
Free State – Mangaung	3,8	4,8	3	-24	29	0,85
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	7,8	6,3	-3	-32	27	0,86
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,3	5,4	-2	-11	8	0,72
Agriculture	98,6	33,9	3	-1	7	0,13
Private households	12,2	15,0	4	-6	13	0,44

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (continued)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
KwaZulu-Natal	1,9	1,7	-19	-122	85	0,72
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,3	2,5	-65	-154	23	0,15
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,6	6,4	19	-62	100	0,64
Agriculture	13,3	19,0	20	-12	51	0,22
Private households	6,4	7,7	8	-39	55	0,75
KwaZulu-Natal – Non-metro	3,0	2,7	26	-60	112	0,55
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,1	4,3	-6	-78	66	0,87
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,7	8,4	5	-65	76	0,88
Agriculture	13,5	19,7	16	-15	47	0,31
Private households	9,0	11,9	11	-22	44	0,51
KwaZulu-Natal – eThekwini	2,2	1,6	-45	-102	12	0,12
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,1	2,7	-59	-112	-7	0,03
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	6,6	9,4	14	-25	52	0,49
Agriculture	59,5	49,1	4	-3	10	0,25
Private households	9,2	9,6	-3	-37	31	0,85
North West	3,4	3,7	-22	-99	54	0,57
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,9	4,7	-60	-119	-2	0,04
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	9,0	6,2	9	-17	35	0,49
Agriculture	14,8	13,3	15	-9	38	0,22
Private households	12,9	11,0	14	-13	42	0,30
Gauteng	1,4	1,2	93	-106	292	0,36
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	1,8	1,9	55	-150	260	0,60
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	3,6	34	-52	120	0,44
Agriculture	16,7	28,9	2	-18	23	0,82
Private households	4,5	5,5	2	-52	56	0,95
Gauteng – Non-metro	4,6	4,7	-24	-112	64	0,59
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	6,2	7,6	2	-78	81	0,97
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,2	7,0	-4	-23	15	0,68
Agriculture	20,2	47,9	-2	-19	15	0,82
Private households	9,8	10,4	-19	-38	-1	0,04

Table 3.4B: Sampling variability for the employed by province and sector (concluded)

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Gauteng – Ekurhuleni	3,1	1,9	42	-47	131	0,36
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	4,5	2,8	65	-35	165	0,20
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	5,6	7,9	-13	-49	22	0,46
Agriculture	74,3	25,8	5	1	8	0,02
Private households	8,3	14,0	-15	-35	6	0,16
Gauteng – City of Johannesburg	2,0	1,8	7	-125	140	0,91
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,8	2,9	-93	-219	33	0,15
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,3	5,0	64	1	127	0,05
Agriculture	60,7	78,7	0	-6	6	0,97
Private households	8,6	8,7	36	-6	78	0,09
Gauteng – City of Tshwane	2,4	3,0	68	-28	163	0,17
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	2,4	4,6	81	-25	187	0,13
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	12,6	10,9	-13	-55	29	0,54
Agriculture	36,3	66,2	0	-9	9	0,94
Private households	8,6	10,1	0	-20	20	0,99
Mpumalanga	2,9	3,4	12	-100	125	0,83
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,5	3,2	14	-59	86	0,72
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	7,2	10,4	17	-65	100	0,68
Agriculture	9,6	7,8	-11	-29	8	0,25
Private households	8,3	7,9	-8	-31	15	0,50
Limpopo	1,7	2,1	-39	-112	33	0,29
Formal sector (non-agricultural)	3,3	3,8	10	-53	74	0,75
Informal sector (non-agricultural)	4,3	5,6	-43	-96	11	0,12
Agriculture	11,2	8,0	-6	-42	29	0,72
Private households	7,6	10,2	0	-27	27	0,98

Table 3.5B: Sampling variability for the employed by sex and occupation

	Coefficient of variation		Year-on-year change	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019				
Both sexes	0,7	0,6	-86	-362	190	0,54
Manager	3,4	3,0	40	-93	174	0,55
Professional	4,0	4,6	11	-84	106	0,82
Technician	3,0	2,7	33	-84	150	0,58
Clerk	2,6	2,7	-68	-193	58	0,29
Sales and services	2,2	2,2	-24	-179	130	0,76
Skilled agriculture	15,1	15,0	-15	-36	5	0,15
Craft and related trade	2,5	2,5	-22	-155	111	0,75
Plant and machine operator	2,7	2,9	21	-83	125	0,69
Elementary	1,7	1,7	-87	-262	88	0,33
Domestic worker	2,8	3,3	22	-63	107	0,61
Women	0,8	1,0	-30	-207	147	0,74
Manager	6,2	5,3	-22	-88	45	0,52
Professional	4,8	5,3	37	-30	104	0,28
Technician	4,0	3,6	10	-74	93	0,82
Clerk	2,8	3,1	-44	-148	60	0,40
Sales and services	2,8	2,9	7	-95	108	0,90
Skilled agriculture	27,5	34,5	-7	-16	2	0,12
Craft and related trade	7,0	6,7	14	-27	55	0,51
Plant and machine operator	7,7	7,4	18	-18	54	0,33
Elementary	2,2	2,5	-69	-173	34	0,19
Domestic worker	2,8	3,3	25	-55	106	0,54
Men	0,9	0,7	-56	-243	132	0,56
Manager	3,3	3,1	62	-35	159	0,21
Professional	5,0	5,9	-26	-83	32	0,38
Technician	4,0	4,0	24	-52	99	0,54
Clerk	4,8	4,9	-23	-88	41	0,48
Sales and services	2,7	2,8	-31	-134	72	0,55
Skilled agriculture	16,9	16,1	-9	-28	10	0,38
Craft and related trade	2,7	2,7	-36	-168	96	0,59
Plant and machine operator	3,0	3,0	3	-93	99	0,95
Elementary	2,3	2,3	-17	-149	115	0,80
Domestic worker	17,2	16,3	-4	-22	15	0,71